



BARNFIELDS EXTRA

Barney Bears Nursery

Admissions Policy

We aim to ensure that all sections of our community have access to the nursery through open, fair and clearly communicated procedures.

Barney Bears Nursery operates from the Early Years of Barnfields Primary School. The Nursery has a capacity of 90 places, 45 pupils in each of the morning and afternoon sessions. In the morning 13 Local Authority pupils attend.

Children are eligible for a free place in Barney Bears Nursery the term following their third birthday. A session of free nursery education is currently 3 hours in length with a maximum entitlement of five sessions. We may offer two sessions in one day if places are available, lunch time session included. Full day care is available including before and after school provision. Our main intakes are September and January subject to availability but we will admit children throughout the year if we have places available. We will accept a variety of childcare voucher schemes.

In the event of an insufficient number of places being available, then children will be admitted to the nursery using the following criteria (in priority order). This criteria is in line with that of Staffordshire Local Education Authority.

For September intake, children should have had their 3rd birthday on or before 31st August of the year of admission:

1. Relevant children in care.
2. Children with particular medical or educational needs which can best be met by our nursery (the application should be supported by a professional report).
3. Children who have a sibling currently attending Barnfields Primary School.
4. Children living within the catchment area of Barnfields Primary School.
5. We will accept children living further afield according to how near their home address is to the main school gate following the shortest walking route.

For January intake and places throughout the year children must have had their 3rd birthday prior to admission:

1. The above criteria apply on a first come first served basis.
2. Places cannot be reserved for children.

Parents must register their child separately for nursery and school reception class.

Securing a place at nursery does not necessarily secure a place in school.

For more information on school admissions please ask at the school office.

An open meeting will be held at school to explain the application procedures.