

Admissions Policy – Preschool

At Osbourneby Primary School Preschool we care for children between the ages of 3 years and 4 years old

The numbers and ages of children admitted to the nursery comply with the legal space requirements set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). When considering admissions, we are mindful of staff: child ratios and the facilities available at the nursery.

The Preschool will use the following admission criteria which will be applied in the following order of priority:

1. In accordance with legislation, the allocation of places for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the school in the plan will take place first (Children and Families Act 2014).
2. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
3. Children who have siblings who are already with us
4. Nearest school measured by straight line distance.
5. Increasing order of straight-line distance.

Tie breaker: If the distance criterion is not sufficient to distinguish between two or more children who are tied for the last place, a child requiring a full-time place may have preference over one requiring a part-time place. This is dependent upon work commitments, occupancy and room availability.

If it becomes necessary for viability, a child requiring a full-time place may have preference over one requiring a part-time place.

We operate an inclusion and equality policy and ensure that all children have access to pre-school places and services irrespective of their gender, race, disability, religion or belief or sexual orientation of parents.

Prior to a child attending our pre-school class, parents must complete our Application Form and sign a contract. These forms provide us with personal details relating to the child.

As a setting registered to accept government funding, we offer free places for three- to five-year-olds for early learning sessions specified by the local authority. Please note for admissions for the free Preschool education we have a termly intake, beginning the term following your child's third birthday.

All funded sessions are now in line with the flexible arrangement as specified by the Government. When you register your child for their funded place, we will discuss your needs and, as far as possible with availability and staffing arrangements, we will accommodate your wishes.

Deadline for Applications:

20th July 2026 for September 2026

15th December 2026 for January 2027

15th March 2027 for April 2027