



St. Stephen's School
and Children's Centre
Learning for life

Nursery and Daycare Admissions Policy

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This policy will be reviewed in 2 years

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Admissions of EEG (Early Education Grant) 2 yr olds for 5 sessions a week

Once a family have verification of the eligibility of EEG 2 funding they will be able to come and ask if we have any EEG 2 spaces available. When a family request this we will:

1. Photocopy the letter from the Local Authority confirming eligibility
2. Put their name on the waiting list

When a space is available we will admit children according to the following criteria:

1. On the Child Protection list/being supported by St Stephen's Centre team
2. Has a sibling in the nursery/ school
3. Lives in our nursery catchment area
4. Lives in Newham

Admission of Maintained Nursery Children

The school follows the admission criteria set by the Local Authority for selecting and offering places to local children.

Policy

1. The child must be 2 years old when the parents register them for nursery.
2. Children will not be admitted until at least the term after their 3rd birthday.
3. Priority is given to children in catchment area with the oldest being admitted first, in order of being registered.
4. We will take names from any Newham resident, but if they are a distance away, we will inform them about other schools in their area (after those in catchment of same age).
5. Exceptions are made and priority is given if a child has individual needs (SEN), is a Looked After child or has been referred by the Education Authority or Social Care.

6. Parents are advised if they are registered at another nursery they **MUST** inform us if they accept a place elsewhere or move.

Practice

Families whose names are on the registration list are contacted by letter.

Initial Meeting

The family is invited to come to the nursery to fill in the 'Admissions Form' with a member of senior staff. This is an occasion where the nursery and family share information about the child and the nursery. Any questions are answered. Allocations are made for either a morning or afternoon session. A copy of the 'Nursery School Prospectus' is given to the parent/carer for their information as well as a date to meet the key person.

The family are invited to look around the nursery and be introduced to members of staff. They are offered the opportunity for the child to play, if time is appropriate.

Meeting with key-person

This provides an opportunity to collect further information and photocopy necessary documentation. The family will be given a start date for their child and offered a home visit on an agreed day and time. Each key-person will settle children gradually, twice a week.

Starting nursery

From the first day children start they are put on the class register and marked present, even if parent is still with the child (see 'Settling-In' Policy).

Initially the child will not stay for the full session and the parent will be required to stay. Each day the key-person will inform the parent as to when they should leave their child and the time to collect them. This is organised according to the child's individual needs.