

Admissions Policy



Brearley Nursery School Mission Statement

“A safe place to hope, learn, play, enjoy and grow”.

At Brearley Nursery School we value all of our children and families. As a setting we follow Birmingham City Council's safeguarding procedure and we uphold British values whilst celebrating the diversity in our communities. We also promote mutual respect and we are an inclusive setting.

Our ethos and curriculum enables children to be independent learners who make choices and building strong relationships, particularly with their peers. This promotes an exciting learning journey that engages learners

We are a Rights Respecting School where we help our children to grow into confident, caring and responsible young citizens both in school and within the wider community. By learning about their rights our children also learn about the importance of respecting the rights of others.

All of these principles create the firm foundations needed to encourage democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faith and beliefs. Staff members are also trained on the 'Prevent Strategy', this is utilised in the delivery of the curriculum and within our professional practice.

How can I apply for a 3-year-old nursery school place?

We provide places for 3 year olds who meet the criteria from Birmingham local authority. Children who meet the criteria will be given a place for 15 hours a week for 38 weeks over any year. This will be during the term after your child's third birthday.

Parents are encouraged to put their child's name on the nursery school waiting list as soon as possible after their second birthday. This can be done by visiting the school and completing an admission form. Children are admitted at the beginning of the academic year after their third birthday, though in some cases children may be admitted earlier if places become available during the year.

The offer of a place is determined by the criteria as advised by the Local Authority. If a place is available you will be notified in writing and invited to an open evening, when you will be able to look around the school and talk to staff. If you would like more details about getting a 3 year old place for your child please look at the Birmingham city council website by following this link <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/nef>.

Tax-Free Childcare and 30 Hours Free Childcare

Are you looking for support with childcare costs?

Getting financial help with your childcare costs is easier than you might think. Childcare Choices brings together all the government childcare offers in one place for the first time, including two new schemes for working parents: Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare.

Use the Childcare Calculator on Childcare Choices to see what offers are available to support you and your family.

To find out more about the new and existing offers, and how they can help you, go to the Childcare Choices website today.

For further information on both Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare, please visit childcarechoices.gov.uk

Early Years Education for 2 Year Olds

We provide places for 2 year olds who meet the criteria below from Birmingham local authority. Children who meet the criteria will be given a place for 15 hours a week for 38 weeks over any year. This will be during the term after your child's second birthday.

Early Education Entitlement funding for two year olds

As of 1st April 2015, the National criteria to claim early education entitlement for two year old children are as follows:

- Universal credit
- Income support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (If you are unable to work due to illness or a disability)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit; or Child Tax Credit, provided they have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC).
- Working Tax Credits (including those in receipt during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work fewer than 16 hours per week) with a household income of less than £16,190 as assessed by HMRC.
- The child is looked after by their local authority.
- The child who has left care through special guardianship or an adoption or residence order.
- The child has a current statement of special educational needs or an Education, Health and Care plan.
- The child is in receipt of the Disability Living Allowance.

Eligibility Birth Dates

A child will be eligible for a place (subject to meeting the criteria above) from dates as follows:

A child born between;	Will be eligible to access a two year old place from;
1 st January to 31 st March (inclusive)	The start of Summer term – April following their second birthday until they access early education entitlement for three and four year olds.
1 st April to the 31 st August (inclusive)	The start of Autumn term – September following their second birthday until they access early education entitlement for three and four year olds.
1 st September to the 31 st December (inclusive)	The start of Spring term – January following their second birthday until they access early education entitlement for three and four year olds.

Supporting Staff Members with Young Children

Staff members with young children will be considered for a priority place in school and children's centre when allocating places. This will enable them to work more effectively and deliver a better level of service.