

Heathmere Primary School Nursery Admissions Policy

Heathmere



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Admissions Criteria 2018/2019

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The following information explains how Nursery places are allocated at Heathmere School. If you would like any further information, please email admin@heathmere.wandsworth.sch.uk

Admission groups

Heathmere School applies the guidance provided by Wandsworth Borough Council and considers nursery applications in group order starting with Group A and finishing with Group E (see below extract from 'Choosing nursery education in Wandsworth: information for parents of children starting nursery education in September 2017')

- A. Children living in the borough of Wandsworth recommended for a nursery place at that school by an allocated Social Worker or as part of an action plan agreed by a multi-disciplinary group, for example a Team Around the Child (TAC) or children who are the subject of adoption and special guardianship orders who were previously looked after by the Local Authority.
- B. Children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 who live within the Wandsworth borough.
- C. Children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 who live outside the Wandsworth borough.
- D. Children born after 31 August 2015 who live within the Wandsworth borough (from the start of the term after their third birthday, if places are available).
- E. Children born after 31 August 2015 who live outside the Wandsworth borough (from the start of the term after their third birthday, if places are available).

Admission criteria

If there are more nursery applications than places available in the admission group, the school's admission criteria will be used to decide which children can be offered a place within that group. **Available places are those places available after existing parents have indicated their preference against their entitlement for the following term.** The school will offer places in the following priority:

1. Children looked after and those who ceased to be children looked after because they were adopted, or because they became subject to a residence order or a special guardianship order.
2. Children with a professionally supported exceptional medical need or exceptional social need for a place at Heathmere School, as decided by the school's governing body.
3. Brothers and sisters of children on roll at the school on the date of admission.
4. Children in order of straight line distance from home to school as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System.

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Oversubscription

If there are more applications than places within any category, applications will be considered in order of straight line distance from home to school as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System.

Criteria for deciding type of place offered

Heathmere School offers 40 full-time places. These will include the 15 hours per week of free nursery provision to which the applicant is entitled and 15 additional hours per week if the child qualifies for 30 hours free funding. Currently, Heathmere offers 30 hours to all children, regardless of whether the child qualifies for 30hours funding.

Full time places are only offered to children who are born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015.

Children born after 31 August 2015 would only be entitled to 15 hours per week.

If the Nursery is less than 80% full, applications for children born after 31 August 2015 would be considered.

Priority will always be given to children who are born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 and if the Nursery is not full, 10% of spaces will be kept for children who are born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015.

1. Applications received by 9th February 2018 shall be given a ranking from 1 to the number of applications received using the criteria described.
2. The first 40 applicants requesting a place shall be offered a place.
3. Places shall be offered to applicants on 9th March 2018.
4. Following the first round of offers, any places not taken up, shall be reoffered to applicants on our waiting list.
5. Applications received after the 9th February 2018 deadline will be kept on file and added to the end of the waiting list once the main cycle of offers and acceptances has been concluded.