Admissions Policy

Our Nursery School follows Birmingham City Council admissions policy for nursery classes and schools. However we will be offering 30 hours free education for eligible parents.

2-Year-old Funded Place (Families receiving government support)

2-Year-olds can receive 15 funded early education hours for 38 weeks per year (term time only) or the equivalent of 570 hours stretched over the whole year, the term after their second birthday **if** they meet one of the criteria detailed below. Terms start from 1st January (Spring), 1st April (Summer) and 1st September (Autumn). Your childcare provider will confirm their term start date with you.

2 Year Eligibility Criteria met:			
Universal Credit and the household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments		Looked After Child	
Child tax credits, and the household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax		Left Care under an adoption order	
Income Support		Left Care under a special guardianship order	
Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)		Left Care under a child arrangements order	
The guaranteed element of Pension Credit		Child in receipt of DLA	
The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)		Statement of SEN / EHCP Plan	
I am a non-UK citizen who cannot claim benefits and my immigration status states 'No recourse to public funds' and my household income is no more than £26,500 (if you have one child) or no more than £30,600 (if you have two or more children) and I do not have more than £16,000 in savings or investments. **N.B.** If this eligibility criteria is met there is an additional declaration form that must be completed by both the parent and the childcare provider.			

Start dates for two year olds:

- To start in September children must have their second birthday before 31st August.
- To start in January children must have their second birthday before 31st December.
- To start in April children must have their second birthday before 31st March.

Three Year Olds:

At Weoley Castle Nursery School we offer places on a part time basis – All day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning OR Wednesday afternoon, all day Thursday and Friday. (With the exception of those who are entitled to 30 hours childcare)

3- and 4-Year-old Funded Place – 15 universal hours

All three- and four-year-olds are eligible for a funded early education place of 15 hours a week for 38 weeks per year (term time only) or the equivalent of 570 hours stretched over the whole year, the term after their third birthday, irrespective of the immigration status of the child or their parent(s).
An eligibility code is not required for universal hours.

Start dates for 3 year olds:

- To start in September children must have their third birthday before 31st August.
- To start in January children must have their third birthday before 31st December.
- To start in April children must have their third birthday before 31st March.

30 Hours criteria:

A child is entitled to 30 hours childcare the term after their third birthday or from the term after their family becomes eligible. Parents will need to confirm that they remain eligible every three months.

The eligibility criteria is set out below.
- The parent of the child (and their partner where applicable) should also be in qualifying paid work. The definition of qualifying paid work is each parent or the single parent in a lone parent household will need to expect to earn the equivalent of 16 hours at the national living wage or their national minimum wage rate over the forthcoming quarter. This applies whether you are in paid employment, self-employed or on zero hours contract.
- Where one or both parents are in receipt of benefits in connection with sickness or parenting, they are treated as though they are in paid work.

- Where one parent (in a couple household) is in receipt or could be entitled to be in receipt of specific benefits related to caring, incapacity for work or limited capability for work that they are treated as though they are in paid work.

• Where a parent is in a 'start up period' (i.e. they are newly self-employed) they do not need to demonstrate that they meet the income criteria for 12 months in order to qualify for the extended entitlement.

• You must live in England.

• If either or both parents' income exceeds £100,000 they will not be eligible for the extended entitlement. For more information parents should view the Childcare Choices Website Use the childcare calculator on the GOV.UK website to check what help you could get with childcare costs.

9 months - 4-Years- Funded Place – Working Parent entitlement

Children aged 3 - 4 years of eligible working parents are entitled to access 30 hours per week for 38 weeks per year (term time only) or the equivalent of 1140 hours stretched over the whole year where providers offer stretched places, the term after they turn 3 years old or the term after they receive an eligible code – whichever is later. The working entitlement will be extended to eligible working parents of children from the age of 9 months as follows:

- **April 2024**, the 15-hour entitlement for children aged 2 years of eligible working parents. A child can access the place the term after they turn 2 years old or the term after they receive an eligible code – whichever is later.

- **September 2024**, the 15-hour entitlement for children from the age of 9 months of eligible working parents. A child can access the place the term after they turn 9 months old or the term after they receive an eligible code – whichever is later.

- **September 2025**, the 30-hour entitlement for children from the age of 9 months of eligible working parents. A child can access the place the term after they turn 9 months old or the term after they receive an eligible code – whichever is later.

Please note Working entitlement hours cannot be funded until the term after eligibility is confirmed. Funding can only continue each term if eligibility is reconfirmed on time every 3 months - Parents are responsible for checking their HMRC account to action this. If parents do not reconfirm their working entitlement eligibility every 3 months as directed by the HMRC, they will be liable for the fees for any hours where providers cannot claim funding for them.