



PARKLANDS INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Nursery Admissions Policy

Approved by the Governing Body of Parklands Infant & Nursery School

Date: 24th March 2026

Signed: _____

Mrs S Evitts (Chair of Governors)



Parklands Infant and Nursery School **Nursery Admissions Policy – March 2026**

We currently offer 15 and 30 hour sessions to eligible children. For more information, please contact the office on 0115 9732667 or email us at enquiries@parklands.derbyshire.sch.uk, or complete our [New Nursery Starter Enquiry Form](#).

If you would like a place, please get in touch, and we will put your child on our waiting list. We will contact you at the beginning of the term before your child is eligible to start. Spaces are allocated in September, but we do also have other intakes in January and April depending on availability.

We will always invite you and your child in to visit us before starting. On your visit you will have the opportunity to meet our Nursery Team, have a look around, and we can hopefully answer any queries you may have. We also hold open days during the year; families are welcome to come along for a no obligation visit and chat. Children will also be offered a 'Stay and Play' session to join in with the activities in Nursery and meet their new friends. All new parents are also offered the opportunity to attend a New Intake meeting where we share lots of helpful information, including our Nursery routines and our EYFS curriculum.

Children in our Nursery typically then go on to join our infant school, and we fully support the children and their parents/carers throughout this transition. **Children will still need to apply for their Reception place through Derbyshire, even if they go to our Nursery.** Derbyshire admissions open from September, the year before your child is due to start school, and close in mid-January. Please follow the link to apply for a Reception school place:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/primary-admissions/primary-infant-and-junior-school-admissions.aspx>

15 Hour Places

We offer 15 funded hours to ALL 3 and 4 year olds, at either our morning, afternoon or 2 1/2 day sessions (term time only).

Our session times are:

Morning Nursery: 9.00am to 12.00pm - Monday to Friday

Afternoon Nursery: 12.00pm to 3.00pm - Monday to Friday

Children are admitted to nursery in the term *after* they turn 3, pending spaces.

30 Hour Places

We offer 30 funded hours to eligible 3 and 4 year olds (term time only).

Our session times are 9.00am to 3.00pm (30 hours) - Monday to Friday (free entitlement hours).

We have a limited number of 30 hours spaces. If spaces are available, children will be admitted to nursery in the term *after* they turn 3.

Admission Criteria

Places are allocated in line with the nursery admission criteria as follows:

1. Children who are looked after by a local authority in accordance with Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989.
2. Children with an Educational Health Care Plan.
3. Children who live within the Parklands catchment area and are due to start school within a year.
4. Children who live within the Parklands catchment area.
5. Children with an older sibling who will be at Parklands Infant and Nursery School at the admission date. Sibling is defined as a brother/sister, half brother/sister or step brother/sister living at the same address as the older sibling.
6. All other children.

Where a decision needs to be made between applications within any category, this will be done according to the following criteria:

- a) The age of the child (four year olds will be taken before three year olds).
- b) The proximity of the home to Parklands, based on a straight line measurement from the main school gate to the front door of the child's house, as measured on an Ordnance Survey map.
- c) The date the application for a nursery place was received.

The number of applications will affect when a child is offered a place and it may be that some children do not get offered a place in the term in which they are first eligible.

We reserve the right to withdraw a nursery place, where a child does not attend, or where attendance is infrequent. Parents/Carers will be invited to a meeting where attendance is a concern and will receive a letter informing them that their child's place will be withdrawn unless attendance improves within the given time limit.

Governor Approval and Review Dates

The policy is to be reviewed annually.