Admission Arrangements 2026-2027
Walton on Trent C of E School Nursery

Our small nursery is called the Rabbit class and they are based in The Warren classroom. There are 8 full-time places available (or equivalent in part-time places). Children can be admitted in the September after their third birthday.

We offer children 30 hours between 9:00am and 3:00pm. Doors open from 8:40am so you can bring your child early if you wish.

We strongly encourage and welcome parents to meet with the Headteacher and the Nursery Lead to look around our school before applying for a place.

Our Admissions Authority is the John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust. It is our expectation to try and meet parents' wishes where possible. However, in some cases there may be more applications than there are places and in this instance admission to Nursery will be determined by the oversubscription criteria.

Oversubscription Criteria

If the total number of applications for admission to the nursery setting exceeds the number of available places, then the following order of priority will be used to allocate the available places.

1.Looked after children and children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).

2. Children who have an elder siblings in attendance at the school and who will still be attending the school at the time of the proposed admission date. *(For admission purposes, a brother or sister is a child who lives at the main address provided and either: have one or both natural parents in common; are related by a parent's marriage; are adopted or fostered by a common parent or are unrelated children who live at the main address, whose parents live as partners.)*

3. Children living within the defined catchment area of the school.

4. Other children will be arranged in order of priority, according to how near their home addresses are to the school determined by Google Walking Route Map.

Where it is not possible to accommodate all children applying for places within a particular category then we will allocate the available places in accordance with the next criteria. If for instance, all the catchment area cannot be accommodated, children who are catchment and live closest to the school will be admitted next.

If your child cannot be admitted to the nursery class at our school, please make representations to the headteacher in the first instance.

We adopt an inclusive approach, promoting equality of opportunity, particularly to the most disadvantaged, children in care and children with a disability or special need.

How to apply

Applications are welcome from the September before the year they wish to start. The closing date for all nursery applications will the end of February for a start date of the following September. An application form will be made available on the school website. Parents will be notified of the outcome of their application 4 weeks after the closing date.

Additional Notes

Attendance at the nursery will not guarantee admission to our Reception Class or give any advantage to the child's application for Reception. Parents must reapply for admission to Reception at the appropriate time through their home Local Authority.

In accordance with legislation, children who have a statutory statement of special educational need or Education, Health and Care Plan that names the nursery will be admitted to our Nursery setting. This may reduce the amount of places available to other applicants.

Relevant Children in Care means children who are in the care of a local authority in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989(b) and who (a) are looked after at the time an application is made and (b) in relation to whom the local authority has confirmed that the children will still be looked after at the time when the child will be admitted to school. It has also recently been extended to include those previously determined as Looked After Children. (That is, children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).

The home address is considered to be the child's along with their parent/carers main and genuine principal place of residence at the time of the allocation of places i.e. where they are normally and regularly living. If a child is resident with friends or relatives (for reasons other than legal guardianship) the friends or relatives address will not be considered for allocation purposes.

Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives with both parents for part of the school week, parents will be required to provide documentary evidence to support the address they wish to be considered for allocation purposes.

It is expected that parents will agree on school places before an application is made, and it may be necessary to request evidence from you to confirm that this is the case. The Academy is not in a position to intervene in disputes between parents over school applications and will request that these are resolved privately.

If there are a limited number of spaces available and we cannot distinguish between applicants using the criteria listed, such as in the case of children who live in the same block of flats or are the result of a multiple birth, then the child or children who will be offered the available spaces will be randomly selected.

Unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria stated above. If places become available after the offer date they will be offered to the child at the top of the waiting list.

There is no statutory right of appeal for admission to a nursery setting. Any disputes over the administration of the policy will be dealt with by the Local Governing Body's complaints procedure.