

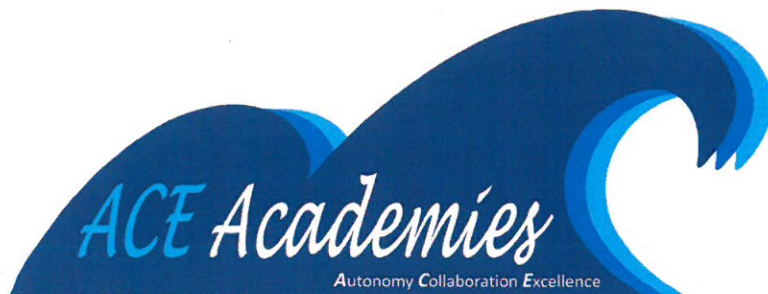
Beacon Infant and Nursery ACE Academy

Nursery (Foundation 1)

ADMISSIONS POLICY

September 2018 onwards

APPROVED BY THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE



This policy is to be read in conjunction with the main school admissions policy.

With the agreement of the Local Advisory Board of The Beacon Infant and Nursery ACE Academy the admission policy of the school is stated below.

As the Nursery School does not have a defined catchment area, all parents are eligible to register their child's name.

All children will be considered fairly irrespective of gender, race or disability.

If there are more requests from parents than the number of places available then the following criteria will apply.

Criteria for Admission

Children will be admitted the September after their third birthday.

Places are allocated according to:

- Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Looked after children (LAC)
- The age of the child, from the oldest age band first.
- If there are siblings in school
- Where the child lives (Bodmin children will be given preference).
- The needs of the family (identified through partnership working).

If there are sufficient spaces mid-year, we may be able to offer places to children the term after their third birthday, inviting the oldest children first.

Our school is fully inclusive and our policies promote equality of opportunity for all children. We are pleased to offer any disabled pupil or pupil with individual needs a place at the Beacon Infant Nursery provided that those needs can be successfully met and if supporting agencies feel that it is an appropriate placement.

Emergency admissions will be considered if places are available and where requests are made from social workers, health visitors or other professionals involved with the family. Places will be given at the discretion of the Headteacher in consultation with Governors and may need to take priority.

Children are entitled to 15 hours free education the term after their 3rd birthday. We offer either 5 morning sessions, 8.30 – 11.30 or 5 afternoon sessions, 12.15 – 3.15 p.m.

Additional hours ("Wraparound care") may be purchased subject to availability at the current rate of £3.70 per hour. The additional hours will be discussed and agreed with the best interest of the child at heart. If Nursery staff feel the child is not ready for extended periods in Nursery, then we will not agree to additional hours.

Procedure for Admission

1. Before starting at the Nursery, all parents will be offered a short visit to the Nursery and a home visit. They will also be invited to attend one short parents meeting to meet staff and get to know about the school. They will complete an admissions form.
2. Birth dates will be checked against the Birth Certificate and NHS numbers are recorded.
3. Parents will be expected to stay in the Nursery to support their child for an appropriate length of time.
4. It is the parent's responsibility to register their child for a mainstream school place, to undertake statutory education. The Local Authority will notify parents and the Nursery when these applications need to be made. Please note, parents must still apply for a Reception (Foundation 2) place at our school through the Local Authority: there is no automatic right to a place even if children have been in our Nursery. This is government procedure.

NB : School policy for Mainschool admissions has determined that priority will be given to Beacon Nursery children from the 2018/19 admission year.

This policy has been adopted for the Academic Year starting September 2017 and will be reviewed annually.

Agreed by Governors:

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