

All Saints Primary School

Nursery Admissions and Charging Policy



NURSERY PROVISION FROM SEPTEMBER 2027

PROVISION CAPACITY

The Nursery will offer 26 places. Parents and carers have the option to apply for a part time or full-time place. **Priority will be given to applications for full time places regardless of foundation or open application.**

If the Nursery has capacity to accommodate additional children, early applications of children who have turned 3 years old between 1st September and 31st December will be considered for an early start in January using the criteria above.

If we have the capacity to expand our Nursery size during the year, we will consider offering places to additional children during the year. This decision will be at the headteacher's discretion, taking into account staffing ratios, needs of existing pupils, space, and potential impact on the quality of provision. In this event, we will offer places to children on our waiting list in accordance with the admissions criteria.

All 26 places are entitled to **15 free hours** of Early Years' education per week for 38 weeks per year. (Funded by the Government via the Local Authority.)

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

All Nursery Class admission applications should be made directly to the school. The Governors, who are responsible for admissions to this Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, have agreed that the admissions criteria for the school's nursery class will follow that of the school admission policy.

Parents of children eligible for a second year in Nursery will not need to make a second application, they will take priority and guaranteed a place.

FULL TIME PUPILS

There are two categories of full time pupils:

- 1) Pupils who have the full 30 hours free funding entitlement. (Option A)
- 2) Pupils not entitled to the full 30 hours, who will pay a termly fee for the additional hours. (Option B)

Parents will have to complete the relevant option form for their circumstances.

PART TIME PUPILS

A maximum of 6 part time places will be offered each year, if available.

The hours for these part time places will be Monday to Friday, 8.50am – 11.45am

WAITING LIST

All unsuccessful applicants will be kept on a waiting list in order of admissions priority and should a place become available, places will be offered in accordance with the admissions criteria.

MOVING TO RECEPTION:

There is no automatic admission to the school reception class. Parents will have to complete a separate application in the relevant year for a reception place.

FUNDING OPTIONS FOR FULL TIME PLACES

OPTION A: Full 30 hours free childcare eligibility

A family may be eligible for 30 hour free nursery education if they meet the following criteria:

- The child is aged 3 or 4 while in the Nursery class;
- Both parents are working or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family;
- Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage;
- Each parent has an annual income of less than £100,000;
- Parents are seeking the free childcare to enable them to work;
- One or both parents are on maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave or on statutory sick leave;
- One parent meets the income criteria and the other is unable to work because they are disabled or have been assessed as having limited capability to work;
- Where the parent is in a 'start-up period' (no need to meet the income criteria for 12 months);
- Both parents and child live in England;
- If a non-EEA national, the parent has recourse to public funds.

Parents/Carers can check eligibility and apply via the following website: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
(For more information please see appendix 1)

If eligible, parents/carers will be given a code at the start of each term. Please note; the school cannot accept a child on the 30-hour entitlement basis until we have verified both the age of the child and the validity of the code.

Validating the code will require parents to supply the school with the parent's/carer's date of birth and National Insurance number. (Please refer Appendix 2 and 3 for details.) **Until the eligibility code has been validated, the parent/carer, will be responsible for paying the costs detailed in Option B.**

If your Circumstances Change

If a parent/carer loses eligibility whilst their child is registered at our Nursery, they will receive a short 'grace period' to enable them to maintain their childcare arrangements for a period of time. Once the grace period has lapsed, parents will need to pay for the additional 15 hours via Option B. **If at any point within the academic year your child falls out of eligibility, the cost of the provision outlined in Option B will be invoiced accordingly.**

OPTION B: Not eligible for full 30 hours' free childcare

If a family is not eligible for the full 30 hour free childcare, parents /carers will be charged a termly fee of £1,300 to pay for the additional full time provision. This is equivalent to £108 per week. **Fees must be paid in advance of the start of each term in full. Upon individual arrangements agreed by the Head Teacher, parents may have the opportunity to pay monthly in advance. Any diversion from this is at the discretion of the Head Teacher.**

(Please see appendix 4)

Charges do not include a hot school meal each day. (£2.41 per day/ £12.05 per week, which is to be paid separately.)

OPTION C: Universal 15 hours Government funded childcare

For all families in England:

- 15 hours of Government funded childcare or early education for 38 weeks
- 3 and 4-year-old children from the term after the child's 3rd birthday which must fall before the relevant cut-off date in order to receive the funding in the following term. These dates are:

31st August for the Autumn term (September – December)

31st December for the Spring term (January – March/April)

31st March for the Summer term (April – July)

OFFERING AND ACCEPTING NURSERY PLACES

A child is eligible for admission to All Saints CE Nursery from the term after the child/s third birthday. Applications received for a child/ren early in age will be added to the Nursery waiting list from the start of term following the child/s third birthday under the admissions criteria set out in this policy.

Places for September enrolment will begin to be offered during the spring term of the previous school year. Documents within the offer letter must be returned to the school by parents/carers within **two weeks** of the date of the offer letter.

Places for January enrolment will begin to be offered during the Autumn term of the same school year. Documents within the offer letter must be returned to the school by parents/carers within **two weeks** of the date of the offer letter.

The offer letter will include:

- **Acceptance form:**
 - To be signed and returned to school.

- **30 Hours Entitlement Form (Option A):**
 - To be completed if pupil is eligible for the full funding and returned with the acceptance form.
Parents/carers can check if they qualify for the '30 hours free childcare' via www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

- **Fee Paying Funding Form (Option B):**
 - To be completed and returned to the school office with your acceptance form:
 - A £200 deposit is required to secure a child's place. This can be made via electronic transfer to the school or by cheque to the school office. (Deposit amount will be deducted from the summer term fee.)

- **15 Hours Entitlement Form (Option C)**
 - 15 hours childcare for all families, for children aged 3 to 4 years.
 - To find out more and how to apply visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/15-and-30-hours-childcare-support>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The school must receive the first termly fee of £1,300 before the 15th July before your child starts in September. (Please contact the school office directly if you have difficulty paying the full amount by this date.)

OPTION A/C: How to apply for the Universal 15 Hours Government Funded Childcare and additional 15 hours Government funded childcare (Full 30 Hours Entitlement)	
Full explanation of 15/30-hour funding available and eligibility criteria	https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator Those who could be eligible for 15/ 30 hours and/or Tax-Free Childcare will be directed to the digital childcare service to apply. Parents/Carers will be able to apply for both 15/ 30 hours and Tax-Free Childcare at the same time by entering their details once. HMRC will check parents' eligibility for both schemes at the same time. Guidance: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility
How to Apply for the 15/30-hour eligibility If you need assistance to apply, or do not have access to the internet, please call the childcare service Customer Interaction Centre on 0300 123 4097 and you can apply over the phone. If you encounter any problems during the application process or when accessing your childcare service account, you should direct your queries to the childcare service Customer Interaction Centre.	APPLICATION PORTAL: Click here You will be asked to: • Create a Government Gateway account if they do not already have one. If you do, you will need to sign into Government Gateway to verify your identity before accessing the childcare service. • Once in the childcare service, enter your personal details including: name, address and National Insurance number and the same details for your partner (if you have one). • Declare that you expect to meet the income requirements over the coming three months. • Declare whether you are in receipt of any relevant benefits. • Once you have completed your application, if you are eligible, you will have a childcare service account. • In the "secure messages" section of your account, you will receive messages regarding your eligibility. • If you are entitled to the full 30 hours funding, you will be given an 11 digit 'eligibility code' for your child – this can be found in the '30 hours free childcare' section of your childcare service account and in your 'secure messages' section.

Important information from HMRC	A parent can only take up 30 hours once both of these conditions are met: A child starts the term following their third birthday and the term following receipt of their eligibility code from HMRC, whichever is later. Parents are encouraged to apply the term before their child meets the age criterion to ensure they can access a place at the start of the term after their child turns three. If not, they will need to wait until the following term to access their 30 hours' place. Please note: the earliest a parent could receive a 30 hours' code for their child will be 16 weeks before they turn three years old. If a parent applies before this point, they will need to wait until reconfirmation before applying for 30 hours. Like the universal 15 hours' entitlement, parents cannot claim 30 hours' free childcare once their child has reached compulsory school age (the term following their fifth birthday). Please note the latest a parent could receive a 30 hours' code is 22 weeks after the child turns five. It is therefore important that providers check the age of the child as well as the code. Parents cannot claim their 30 hours in addition to a full time reception place in a state-funded school.
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If You Are Entitled to the Full 30 Hours Funding	
Eligibility code	Complete the form in your offer letter, (along with your National Insurance number and child's date of birth) to reserve your child's 30 hours' place. Until the eligibility code has been validated, the parent/carers, will be responsible for paying the costs detailed in Option B
The Reconfirmation Process	Every three months you will need to reconfirm that the details you entered on your application are still accurate. This is to check that you are still eligible. - You will be prompted by gov.uk, via text message and/or email, four weeks before the reconfirmation deadline and again two weeks before the deadline if you still have not reconfirmed - If your circumstances have changed, you will need to log into your childcare service account, update the information and resubmit your details. - If your circumstances have not changed, you will only need to tick a box saying that your details have not changed. If you miss the reconfirmation deadline, or if your circumstances change, you will receive a message telling you that your eligibility has lapsed. In these circumstances, you will then need to pay for additional hours that your child is attending as illustrated in Option B.

OPTION B: Paying for Full Time Provision (If You Are NOT Entitled to 30 Hours)

Fees	A fee of £1,300 is requested termly. Fees must be made in advance either monthly or for the whole term depending on individual arrangements agreed by the Head Teacher.
Deposit	A deposit of £200 must be paid during the acceptance process to secure your child's place. This can be made via electronic transfer or cheque to the school office. The offer letter will include all relevant payment information. If a deposit has not been received within the deadline date, the school reserve the right to withdraw the offer and offer the place to another child in accordance with the admissions policy.
Payment Methods	Once a pupil has formally enrolled in September, all future payments are to be made via the schools online payment system. (Details will follow once child has formally enrolled.)
Employer Child Care Vouchers	Payment via Employer Childcare Vouchers can only commence once the child has been formally enrolled in September. We are able to accept childcare vouchers through a variety of schemes run by many employers. The school office will be able to help with your Employer Childcare Voucher enquires.
Universal Credit: Childcare Costs Element	Payment via the Universal Credit Childcare Element can only commence once the child has been formally enrolled in September. If you are working, Universal Credit can help with the costs of childcare, no matter how many hours you work. You may be able to claim up to 85 per cent of your childcare costs if you're eligible for Universal Credit and meet some additional conditions. Check eligibility: https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit/eligibility
Late payment fees/debt collection policy	In cases where payment is late without prior arrangement for pupils enrolled at the school, a charge of £50 will be added to the child's account. Parents/Carers have 10 days from the date of the late payment charge, to pay outstanding amounts in full. If payment is not received, your child's place will be terminated. In the event of termination, the deposit of £200 will be used to pay outstanding amounts. Should this be less than the outstanding amount, we will seek to recover the remaining debts via outside agencies.
Notice period	We hope that you will not need to leave our nursery, but we require notice in writing if your child will no longer be attending. The notice period is a minimum of one month. Any payment that has been made for a place within your months' notice will not be refunded.