

Madeley Nursery School

Bridle Road, Telford, TF7 5ET, UK



Admissions Policy

July 2018

If you require a copy of this procedure in a particular format, for example in large print, please contact the School.

The admission arrangements are determined by the funding mechanism currently in force for 2, 3 and 4 year olds, and informed by the current admissions arrangement into Reception.

Admission to Local Authority nursery schools can be from the beginning of the term following the child's third birthday, sometimes children will be admitted during the term as they become 3 years old if there are places available.

Children eligible for 3 and 4 year old funding:
2 year olds in the term that they become 3 years old:

A child born on or between	Will usually become eligible for a free place from	Term
1st April and 31st August	1st April	Summer
1st September and 31st December	1st September	Autumn
1st January and 31st March	1st January	Spring

Admission to the nursery will take place termly in September, January and the term after Easter.

The head teacher on behalf of the governors will consider applications in accordance with the admission criteria.

Places will be allocated within 2 weeks after half term of the term before entry to the nursery, unless places become available after half term. If there are more applications for places than places available at the nursery, the admissions criteria will apply.

Admission criteria

The governors will consider all applications in accordance with the following criteria, set out in priority order. Length of time on any waiting list will not be taken into account.

Categories 3 & 4 contain examples of both special educational and social need.

1. A child who is "looked after" by the Children's Services Department
2. Children for whom there is a recommendation for nursery education by a health professional, social worker, educational psychologist, outreach worker or education welfare officer on the basis of the child's special educational needs.

Examples of special educational needs, in no order of priority, might

include:

- emotional and behavioural problems
 - hearing difficulties
 - lack of personal interaction and stimulation
 - physical disabilities
 - speech and language problems
 - visual difficulties
3. Children eligible for Pupil Premium or 2 year old funding.
 4. Children with social needs, based on information gained as part of the application procedure.
Examples of social needs, in no order of priority, might include:
 - children who were multiple births (twins, triplets)
 - a child with a confined play space
 - a child from a one parent family
 - a child in a large family (four or more children)
 - a child with parents under 20 years of age
 - a child in sole care of grandparents
 - a child who has two or more siblings under four years of age
 - a child on the child protection register
 - a child of parents with disabilities
 - a child with English as an additional language
 5. Children with a brother or sister (including children living as siblings in the same family unit) with disabilities (as in A) that require a significant amount of additional support.
 6. Children who have a brother or sister (including children living as siblings in the same family unit) on the school roll.
 7. Other children
- Tiebreaker**
- If the nursery is oversubscribed **within** any of the above categories (1 –7), children in the year before they may start school will be given priority. Then preference will be given to children who live closest to the school based on a straight line measurement from school to the entrance of the property. Telford and Wrekin council's Information Systems (GIS) will be used to confirm the order of applicants.
 - If your child is offered a place, you must confirm your acceptance to the school within two weeks otherwise the school may have to refuse places for other children unnecessarily.
 - The final decision on when a child is admitted, the number of hours a child is able to attend and his or her pattern of attendance, rests with the head teacher and governors.

Madeley Nursery School can accommodate a maximum 100 children (50 morning and 50 afternoon places). The patterns of attendance available are up to 15 hours per week free nursery education in either a morning between 8.30 and 11.30am or an afternoon between 12.45 and 3.45pm.

Children using the 30 hours free funding for 3 and 4 year olds will access their extra hours from another provider, for example the associate childminders.

If you would like your child to come to this nursery, you must contact us at nursery.

Parents do not have a statutory right to appeal to an independent appeal panel in relation to nursery admissions so it is essential, therefore, that all admissions decisions can be justified by reference to the criteria detailed above.

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Signature:	Wet signature copy held in school.
Role in school:	