

# Bonnygate Primary School

## Nursery Admissions Policy 2023



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Children are able to access up to 30 hours Nursery education per week within the Nursery setting. Children can take up a place from the term after their third birthday.

Applications are made using the Nursery Admission Form and are submitted to the school office. The deadline for applications is the end of October/February/May – see Thurrock Council website for exact date - for admission the following term.

Places will be allocated as follows:

1. To children whose normal place of residence is in the catchment area of the school, in the following order of priority:
  - a) Children who will have one term in the nursery class before the date of admission to the reception class.
  - b) Children who have two terms in the nursery class before the date of admission to the reception class.
  - c) Children who will have three terms in the nursery class before the date of admission to the reception class.

In the event of two children having equal priority within one of the criteria, the place should be allocated by date of birth (oldest first), with distance from the school (nearest first) as the final tiebreaker.

2. If there are still places remaining, they should be allocated to children whose normal place of residence is outside the catchment area, in the same order as above.

In the event of two children having equal priority within the criteria set above, priority should be given to a child with a brother or sister in the school, with distance from the school (nearest first) as the final tiebreaker.

If the place or places are not needed by that date, they can be allocated in the usual way.

- Children will not be offered a place **until the term after their third birthday**.
- **Admission to a nursery class does not guarantee a place in the reception class.**
- Children who fail to attend regularly (less than 75% attendance in half a term) can have their places withdrawn. Parents will be given written notice in advance of the place being withdrawn so that they can make representations.
- There is no statutory right of appeal against refusal of admission to nursery. If you have a complaint about the allocation of nursery place you may follow the school's complaints procedure.
- When allocating specific session requests, funded places will be given priority.