



## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Shropshire Council Nursery Classes Admissions Policy has been adopted by the governing body.

We will ensure we have a list of children whose parents have expressed a wish to attend the nursery. Decisions will be made using the following priorities:

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or EHCP, which name a particular school, will be allocated places if the LA deem the placement suitable. After this, places are allocated according to an agreed set of criteria, in strict order of priority. They are as follows:

**Priority 1:** Looked after children, who are in Public Care as long as they have an eligible birthdate but who need not reside in the school's designated catchment area.

**Priority 2:** Children already attending the nursery setting who wish to change the sessions they are attending or increase their sessions if they are not taking their full entitlement.

**Priority 3:** Children living in the school's designated catchment area who have a sibling in the nursery or school and that sibling will be attending at the time the younger child starts nursery. If new places are limited, priority can be given to older children.

**Priority 4:** Children living in the school's designated catchment area without siblings at the nursery or school. If new places are limited, priority can be given to older children.

**Priority 5:** Children out of the school's catchment area with siblings in the nursery or school at the time the younger child starts nursery. If new places are limited, priority will be given to the children living closest to the nursery (distance from home to school measured as a straight line on a computerised mapping system).

**Priority 6:** Children out of the school's catchment area without a sibling in the nursery or school. If new places are limited, priority will be given to the children living closest to the nursery. (Distance from home to school measured as a straight line on a computerised mapping system).

**Priority 7:** If the school governors have decided to offer extra fee paying hours to children attending for their 15 or 30 free hours, this offer can only be made once all parental requests for free places have been dealt with and places should not be given in situations that will prohibit a child from getting their free entitlement. The charges for these extra hours should be set at a reasonable market rate and not be seen to undercut any other provision in the area.

Please note that it is not permissible for any school to guarantee a place in the Reception class as a result of a child attending the nursery. Primary school admissions are regulated and administered through the LA.