



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 September 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 February – see Thurrock Council website for exact date - for admission the following September.

Admission to the Nursery class does not guarantee a place in Reception class.

In the case of oversubscription the following admission criteria will be used for deciding which applications have priority. These criteria are set out below in the order in which they are applied:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children, children in public care and all children previously looked after will automatically be given first priority over other categories where priority is claimed on the application and validated by the relevant local authority.
2. Special reasons. Priority for admission may be given where there are exceptional social, medical or educational reasons for admission to the Nursery. These must be supported with evidence.
3. Catchment area siblings. Allocated in distance order with those living closer having higher priority.
4. Catchment area. Allocated in distance order with those living closer having higher priority.
5. Non-catchment area siblings. Allocated in distance order with those living closer having higher priority.
6. Non-catchment area. Allocated in distance order with those living closer having higher priority.

Distance will be calculated in a straight line using a digital mapping programme.

There is no statutory right of appeal against refusal of admission to Nursery. However, if you have a complaint about the allocation of Nursery places you may follow the school's complaints procedure.

When allocating specific session requests funded places will be given priority.

Children who fail to attend regularly (less than 50% of a half term) can have their place withdrawn. Parents will be given written notice in advance of the place being withdrawn.

