



## Walton Primary Academy Early Years Admission Policy

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### Early Years Admissions Policy – Universal Entitlement for 3- and 4-year-olds

The Governing Body is responsible for admissions to the school's Early Years Foundation Stage and applies the admissions criteria set out below to admitting children.

The school has a 52 place nursery. Therefore a maximum of 52 universal places will be offered.

**We offer places to our Nursery based on every child attending the full 5 days for the full morning or afternoon session. No other pattern can be offered.**

### PART-TIME ADMISSION DATES

A child can be admitted to early year's provision the term after their 3rd birthday. The part-time admission dates are:

#### Three year Olds

Born Between Month	Month of Part-time Admission	Term of Part-time Admission
1 April – 31 August	September	Autumn
1 Sept – 31 Dec	January	Spring
1 Jan – 31 March	After Easter	Summer

April born children will be admitted part-time in the following September and not after Easter regardless of when Easter falls.

**PART-TIME ADMISSIONS CRITERIA (Universal Entitlement – 15 hours)**

If the number of applications received for a universal nursery place does not exceed the number of places available, then all children will be admitted on a part-time basis. Where a school receives more applications than places available then children will be admitted in the following order:

1. Children undergoing an Education, Health and Care Plan needs assessment or with an Education, Health and Care Plan (which names the school).
  2. Children in public care (looked after children), or a child who was previously looked after or fostered under an arrangement made by the Local Authority (see definition under explanatory notes).
  3. Children who live in the school's catchment area or parish area, who have brothers or sisters attending the school at the time of admission.
  4. Other children who live in the school's catchment area.
  5. Children who live outside the school's catchment area but have brothers or sisters in attendance at the school.
  6. Children who live outside of school's catchment area, with priority being given to those living nearest to the school.
- Brothers and sisters are defined as children with brothers or sisters (including stepbrothers or sisters) living at the same address, in attendance at the same school or a school on the same site, on the date of admission.
  - For admissions purposes only one address can be used as a child's permanent address. Where a child resides with more than one/parent carer, at different addresses, the school will use the preference expressed by the parent/carer at the address where the child lives the majority of the time during the school week as the main place of residence.
  - Children in Public Care – this refers to children who are:
    - Subject to a care order made by the courts under section 31 of the Children Act 1989 – for the courts to grant a care order they have to be satisfied that a child is suffering or would suffer 'significant harm' without one
    - Children who are accommodated by the local authority on a voluntary basis under section 20 of the Children Act 1989
    - Children who have been adopted from Local Authority care, children with a residency order and those with special guardianship immediately following being Looked After will all be included within the higher priority for looked-after children.
  - Where the admission of siblings from a multiple birth (e.g. twins, triplets) would cause the school to rise above its agreed Nursery Number, we will contact the Early Years Team to agree a resolution.
  - If a child has a change to their circumstances (change of address) once an application for a part-time place has been submitted it is the responsibility of the parent to inform the school of the change. However, if a parent applying for a part-time place already has a sibling in school and they have a material change then the school should check all addresses when considering part-time places to ensure that they have the correct information for all children to ensure that all part-time places are allocated correctly.
  - Children living from families outside the Wakefield District boundary will be considered alongside those who live within the Wakefield District.
  - Where required the Council will provide support to a school in applying the part-time admissions criteria.