



# **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

## GRASMERE NURSERY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

At present, children's names can be entered on our waiting list from when they are born. Due to Local Authority school admissions policy, most children are admitted in September after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

The Governing Body has agreed that places at Grasmere will be allocated according to age and subject to the following criteria: -

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children (SGO, adoption or CAO).
2. Children with special needs who apply for a resourced place through the Local Authority, up to a maximum of 24 part time places.
3. Children with other special needs.
4. Siblings of children currently attending Grasmere Nursery School.
5. Children who have attended 0-3s for more than one term.
6. Children receiving support from other agencies.
7. Siblings of children who have previously attended Grasmere Nursery School in order of when they went onto the waiting list.
8. All children who do not fit into any of the above categories will be admitted in the order in which they are registered on the waiting list, considering their date of birth.

The Governing Body reserve the right to make the final decisions on admissions.

We aim to ensure that our school is as financially viable as possible, so we will endeavour to fill every place at all times, by offering unused hours to families on the list until we are full. In order for us to achieve this it may mean we are unable to accommodate any unusual patterns/shifts that are requested.

### Special Needs Admissions

Grasmere Nursery School is funded to offer 24 part time places for children with severe and complex special needs. These places are allocated according to criteria set by the Early Years Panel and offer places to children who require a significantly higher level of support than most children.

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