

Lower Meadow Primary Academy

Nursery Admissions Procedure

At Lower Meadow we have a 52 place Nursery (26 morning places and 26 afternoon places). We admit children from the term after their 3rd birthday. If we have spaces available, parents can choose to pay for additional sessions. If children are entitled to 30 hours free early learning, parents will be asked to provide a code for this.

To apply for a nursery place at Lower Meadow, parents must complete a nursery admissions form. This can be obtained via the school office.

We admit children at the start of the Autumn term (September), Spring term (January) and Summer term (April). Applications can be submitted from birth, these will be placed on a waiting list until your child is old enough to start.

Places are allocated according to set criteria. For further information around this, please don't hesitate to speak to our Principal or a member of the nursery team.

Parents of children being offered places will be contacted the term before by telephone, to confirm they still require a place. An email will be sent offering a nursery place and an invitation to visit the setting with your child to attend a *Stay and Play session. This email will also include a date and time when nursery staff would like to carry out a home visit. At the home visit parents will receive a date that your child will start nursery. All parents are encouraged to accept the offer of a home visit by nursery staff.

Your child's birth certificate must be provided to the school office for checking prior to admittance.

*Parents are required to stay with their child for the Stay and Play session. Our aim is for the transition from home to nursery to be as smooth as possible and therefore we are very flexible with regards to the length of the session. Initially, new starters will not stay for the whole session. We aim to best suit the needs of each child and therefore we will discuss with parents what is most appropriate for their child.

Note: Parents will be informed at the time of the home visit that children can be admitted if they wear pull ups so that we can work together to ensure that your child is toilet trained as soon as possible. If toilet training proves difficult for your child, we can assist in making a referral to the Health Visitor.

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