

Moorside Primary School



Nursery Admissions Policy 2023 – 2024



Purpose, values and vision

Our Purpose

Moorside Primary is a school at the heart of our diverse community in the West End of Newcastle.

We pride ourselves in belonging to a caring school community where everyone is welcome.

We strive to deliver an outstanding education for all our children.

We help everyone to become caring and active citizens.

We encourage everyone to thrive and achieve their full potential.

Our Vision

We want everyone in our school to work together to make us as good as any school can be.

We want to create new opportunities for everyone to succeed.

We want to create a culture, which broadens all of our horizons.

We want everyone to be able to tackle the challenges we will face in an ever changing world.

We want all of our children to effectively engage with each other and with our community.

Our values

We all believe...

Our local community deserves a school they can be proud of.

We are a caring community where everyone is welcome.

We all value, respect and support each other.

Our community has the right to be safe and healthy.

Our children should have the chance to enjoy and be enthused by their time in our school.

We all agree...

Everyone will always try their best and take pride in all that they do.

Everyone will demonstrate good manners at all times.

Everyone will respect each other and show consideration.

Everyone will respect and care for our environment and resources.

Everyone will celebrate each other's successes and achievements.

Admission policy for academic year 2023/2024 – for Nursery Classes in Moorside Primary School

Children who reach their third birthday on or before 31st August of the year they are to be admitted are entitled fifteen hours of Nursery provision per week. This entitlement is usually taken in two full day blocks and a half day i.e. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning or Wednesday afternoon followed by full days on Thursday and Friday. This Admissions Policy has been formally adopted by the Governing Body of this school. In this school the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for determining the school's Admission Policy. Some children may be eligible for thirty hours of Nursery Education and further information in relation to the criteria and eligibility for this can be obtained from the school.

If a child reaches the age of three during the academic year in question and places are available, the school may admit termly. Priority will be given to children who became three during the autumn term, then the spring term and then the summer term.

Attendance at a Nursery class does not guarantee a place in a Reception class our school.

Children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) where the plan names a specific school will be offered a place.

If there are fewer applications than places available, then the following over-subscription rules are applied and places are offered to children who are ranked the highest.

1. Children in the care of a local authority (Children Looked After)

The following criteria are not in priority order; Governing Bodies are free to exercise discretion in the light of individual circumstances.

- Children with a brother or sister (a sibling) already in the Nursery class or in the Primary school
- Distance from home address to the Nursery address measured in a straight line using the local land and Property Gazette or a suitable alternative geographical information system
- Special circumstances such as:
 - Family breakdown
 - Three or more children under five years old in one household
 - Children who are at an educational disadvantage because their use of the English Language is minimal or non-existent
 - Home accommodation unsuitable for young children
 - Failure to thrive socially, medically or psychologically
 - Physical, sensory or learning difficulties

If special circumstances are to be considered, detailed information will be required and where possible, a meeting held to discuss things further.



Where we have to refuse a Parent's/Carer's application because of over-subscription, the application will be kept on a **waiting list**. If a place becomes available it will be offered to the applicant on the waiting list who ranks highest. There is no appeal procedure for Parents/Carers who have been refused a place in a Nursery class.

Parental/Carers Responsibility

Parents/Carers who share responsibility for the care of their child are expected to reach agreement to a Nursery placement between themselves.