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Whitehouse Primary School Nursery Admission Criteria

Whitehouse Primary School is a school located in the development of Whitehouse in Milton Keynes. Our nursery class is attached to our Primary School. The school opened in September 2016.

About our nursery

Our Whitehouse Nursery is an integral part of our school. On joining us, from the term after their third birthday, your child will immediately feel part of our school community. The experienced and caring staff will work with you to settle your child quickly, and will regularly update you on how they are getting on.

The Nursery Class and Reception Class teachers work closely together, to ensure that all of our Early Years children receive the support they need, and progress well.

The purpose built Early Years classrooms are light and bright, and equipped with everything children need to extend their learning with plenty of activities always available for the children to explore both inside and outside.

Resources are made accessible in order that children can make their own choices and the displays and creative areas are developed to enhance children's interests.

At Whitehouse Nursery we concentrate very much on the important processes of learning and recognise that because children are unique they will learn at different times and different rates. Early learning takes place in all areas of our nursery school and is shaped by the Characteristics of Effective Learning and the Prime and Specific areas of Learning and Development within the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS 2017).

Admissions Authority

The IFTL Board of Trustees is the admissions authority for Whitehouse Primary School. We work closely with the Local Authority (LA), as required by the Department for Education (DfE), to co-ordinate the admission arrangements and identify children eligible for funding. Whitehouse Primary School communicates all admissions decisions to parents/carers.

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Catchment Area

The catchment area for Whitehouse Primary School Nursery Class is the development of Whitehouse in Milton Keynes.

Admission Numbers/ Infant Class Size Legislation

The square metre size of the Nursery classroom allows the school capacity for 39 children aged 3-4* at any one time. Whitehouse Nursery will accept applications for any child, aged three or older.

**Free early education funding starts the term after the child turns 3.*

IMPORTANT NOTE: Attendance at our nursery does not guarantee a place at the school in Year R.

Application Process for Nursery

To register interest in your child attending Whitehouse Nursery please complete an online registration form which is available on our website; <https://www.whitehouseprimary.co.uk/nursery/registration/>

The 3 school terms are identified as blocks for funding purposes.

Block 1 is Summer Term

Block 2 is Autumn Term

Block 3 is Spring Term

Parents must ensure all admissions form, parental contracts and validity codes for funding are completed by the following deadlines:

Block 1 is 31st March

Block 2 is 31st August

Block 3 is 31st December

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Once a completed application is received, if there are vacancies against the admission number for Nursery, the child will be admitted.

The cut-off date to apply for our nursery class for the forthcoming academic year is 31st January. Any late applicants will be added to the reserve waiting list.

If, however, the Nursery is oversubscribed, the application will be declined and parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list. **As the number of places available is set by official bodies, including Ofsted, we are duty bound by staff to child ratios and there is no right to appeal a place.**

Oversubscription criteria

When the nursery is oversubscribed, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.
2. Children of staff at the school. Priority will be given to children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances: a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
3. A sibling at the school who is expected to be on roll at the school at the time of admission and the place of residence is within catchment of the school
4. The child's place of residence is within catchment area of the school and there is no sibling on roll at the school
5. There is already a sibling on roll at the school at the time of admission and the place of residence is outside of the catchment area
6. Other children

Note.

1. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

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2. A sibling is defined as a birth sibling and also includes step siblings, foster siblings, adopted siblings and other children living permanently at the same address.
3. Distance within catchment. Priority will be given to those living closest to the school using distance between the child's home address and the school's main entrance, measured in a straight line by a computerised system. If two applicants live exactly the same distance from the school, random allocation will be used as the ultimate tie-breaker.

Waiting list

A waiting list will operate for Nursery. Where the Nursery receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the academic year. Priority will be given to families of Whitehouse before the oversubscription criteria comes into place. Evidence of residence may be requested.

This will be maintained by Whitehouse Primary School and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's positions on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become available they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list. **Whitehouse do not disclose numbers on the waiting list due to complying with the oversubscription criteria.**