

Admissions

At Little Pearls Nursery we care for up to 55 children between the ages of birth to 5 years.

The numbers and ages of children admitted to the nursery comply with the legal space requirements set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

We take the following matters into account when prioritising and deciding on admissions:

- Availability of places, taking into account the staff: child ratios, the age of the child and any registration requirements
- Children who have siblings who are already with us
- When the application is received (extra weight is given to those who have been on the waiting list the longest)
- The nursery's ability to provide the facilities necessary for the welfare of the child, including appropriate staffing arrangements
- A child requiring a full-time place may have preference over one requiring a part-time place. This is dependent upon work commitments, occupancy and room availability
- Any extenuating circumstances affecting the child's welfare or the welfare of his/her family.

We operate an inclusion and equality policy and ensure that all children have access to nursery places and services irrespective of their gender, race, disability, religion or belief or sexual orientation of parents.

Prior to a child attending nursery, parents must complete and sign a contract and registration form. These forms provide the nursery with personal details relating to the child. For example, name, date of birth, address, emergency contact details, parental responsibilities, dietary requirements, collection arrangements, fees and sessions, contact details for parents, doctor's contact details, health visitor contact details, allergies, parental consent and vaccinations etc.

Little Pearls Nursery are registered to provide funded childcare places. All settings registered to accept government funding (detailed in the code of practice) must offer free places for *two/*three- to five-year-olds for early learning sessions specified by the local authority. At **Little Pearls Nursery** we currently provide funded places available for children subject to availability. These places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and can be booked a term in advance. Please note for admissions for the free nursery education we have a termly intake, beginning the term following your child's *second/*third birthday.

All funded sessions are now in line with the flexible arrangement as specified by the Government. When you register your child for their funded place we

will discuss your needs and, as far as possible with availability and staffing arrangements, we will accommodate your wishes. To use your funded hours at Little Pearls Nursery a daily booking must be booked in a 10-hour block only.

Little Pearls Nursery is a data controller in its own right.

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