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The Rookeries Carleton J, I & N School Early Years Part-time Admissions Policy 2019/20 Universal and Extended Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds

The SPRB is responsible for part-time admissions to the school's Early Years Foundation Stage and agrees to follow the Early Years Part-time Admissions Policy set by Wakefield Council.

The school has a 26 place nursery. Therefore a maximum of 26 part-time universal places will be offered. Children are usually admitted for either 5 mornings or 5 afternoons. Any other variations are subject to availability of places, proven parental demand for flexibility, and at the discretion of the Head of School.

The school does not offer extended entitlement places.

PART-TIME ADMISSION DATES

A child can be admitted to the early year's provision the **September after** their 3rd birthday, ie Autumn term.

PART-TIME ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

If we receive more applications than places available then children will be admitted in the following order:

1 Children undergoing an Education, Health and Care Plan needs assessment or with an Education, Health and Care Plan (which names the school);

2 Children in public care (looked after children), or a child who was previously looked after or fostered under an arrangement made by the Local Authority (see definition under explanatory notes);

3 Children who live in the school's catchment area or parish area, who have brothers or sisters attending the school at the time of admission;

4 Other children who live in the school's catchment area;

5 Children who live outside the school's catchment area but have brothers or sisters in attendance at the school;

6 Other children by age order (admitting eldest first).

Explanatory Notes

- Where any criterion category is over-subscribed then children within that category should be admitted in an age order basis (eldest first). Where 2 children have the same date of birth then priority will be given to Wakefield District children. If both children live in the Wakefield District then priority will be given to the child that lives nearest the school.

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- Brothers and sisters are defined as children with brothers or sisters (including step-brothers or sisters) living at the same address, in attendance at the same school or a school on the same site, on the date of admission.
- For admissions purposes only one address can be used as a child's permanent address. Where a child resides with more than one/parent carer, at different addresses, the school will use the preference expressed by the parent/carer at the address where the child lives the majority of the time during the school week as the main place of residence.
- Children in Public Care – this refers to children who are:
 - Subject to a care order made by the courts under section 31 of the Children Act 1989 – for the courts to grant a care order they have to be satisfied that a child is suffering or would suffer 'significant harm' without one;
 - Children who are accommodated by the local authority on a voluntary basis under section 20 of the Children Act 1989; and
 - Children who have been adopted from Local Authority care, children with a residency order and those with special guardianship immediately following being Looked After will all be included within the higher priority for looked-after children.
- Where the admission of siblings from a multiple birth (eg twins, triplets) would cause the school to rise above the agreed Nursery Number, WMDC Early Years Team will be contacted to agree a resolution.

ALLOCATING PART-TIME PLACES – UNIVERSAL AND EXTENDED

Parents/carers must contact the school directly when applying for a part-time nursery place. The parent/carer will be required to complete a Confirmation of Interest Form and the child's name will be added to the school's nursery waiting list. Confirmation of Interest Forms must be received by the school by the end of Spring Term, ie 3rd April 2020.

Parents who require less than 5 sessions / 15 hours per week will be considered alongside all other requests.

Places will be allocated in accordance with the above part-time admissions criteria.

A parent taking both the universal and extended entitlement at two settings decides who will provide the universal and who will provide the extended.

The school will allocate universal places on the following date:

Term child will take up Early Years Provision	Week commencing date that places will be allocated
Autumn	w.c. 20 th April 2020

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The school do not offer extended entitlement places.

Any applications received after the specified date will only be considered once all other applications have been dealt with.

Following the allocation of places, all parents will be notified in writing of the decision to grant a place, or not.

Following notification that a place is available, a child will be expected to take up the place within 2 weeks of the expected start date. If the child has not taken up the place after 2 weeks and a satisfactory explanation has not been provided to the Head of School, then the offer of a part-time place can be removed.

The school will record evidence to verify a child's date of birth, identity and the parent's eligibility for extended hours as appropriate.

Parents are also asked to provide valid proof that the address given for the child is the address at which they are ordinarily resident. Parents are asked to sign the application form stating that all of the information provided is correct. If a parent/carer refuses to provide this then it could affect a parent's/carer's application for a part-time place. If a parent/carer provides inaccurate information, which results in an application not being successful, then the school reserves the right to remove the nursery place.

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If a child is refused a part-time early years place then the parent/carer may appeal to a committee of governors. Governors will adhere to the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework and will not admit children over their designated nursery number or earlier than the specified admission dates. Therefore, the only grounds for upholding an appeal will be where a parent can demonstrate that an error has been made by the school when processing the application.

Parents will be notified that there is no guarantee that a child who is admitted to a school's nursery class will be admitted to the school full-time. Parents of children in nursery classes must complete the Local Authority's Admissions Preference Form in order to request a full-time place in school. The Local Authority has a statutory duty to apply the admissions criteria afresh to determine which school has places.