



## Goodway Nursery School

# Admissions Policy

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Signed:

Chair of Governing Body

### Our school values

**Respect** - respecting children's rights, treating each other with dignity and valuing each person's individual identity

**Security** - creating an environment where children feel safe, both emotionally and physically, building their resilience through secure attachments

**Relationships** - encouraging kindness and developing relationships where children and families are listened to and feel valued

**Inclusion** - creating an enabling environment where children and families feel a sense of belonging and ensuring equality of opportunity for everyone

**Learning** - reflecting on our practice together, co-constructing learning with children and extending their learning by providing experiences that provoke curiosity and exploration

**Empowerment** - encouraging children to become confident and independent, equipping them to participate in decision making, resolve conflict and make positive choices

### We are a Unicef Rights Respecting School

**This policy links to the UN Convention on the Rights of the child:**

**Article 2 (non-discrimination)** The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

**Article 3 (best interests of the child)** The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

**Article 23 (children with a disability)** A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.

**Article 28 (right to education)** Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

**Article 29 (goals of education)** Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

**Article 30 (children from minority or indigenous groups)** Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

**Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)** Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children, and expect our staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Goodway Nursery School is a 72 place Local Authority Maintained Nursery School.

We have 52 places for 3-4 year olds, and 20 places for two year olds.

Priority for admissions is as follows;

### **Priority 1**

Children (siblings) with an older brother or sister already at the school (or at a linked school on the same or nearby site) who will still be in attendance at the time the sibling enters the school (subject to age restrictions below). Siblings are considered to be those children who live at the same address and either:

- have one or both natural parents in common;
- are related by a parent's marriage;
- are adopted or fostered by a common parent

### **Priority 2**

Children who live nearest to the school.

Within each of these categories, priority is given to those who live nearest to the school, by straight line measurement to one fixed point in the school

Priority for admissions will be given to the following children, subject to appropriate staffing and facilities being available:

- Looked After Child
- Child with a Child Protection Plan
- Child with an Early Support Plan
- Child with diagnosed disabilities who have an Education Health Care Plan or engaged in that process and/or are in receipt of Disability benefit.

### **Currently available for children aged 2-4 years (April 24)**

Up to 15 hours of early education over 38 weeks of the year for 2 year olds.

Up to 30 hours of early education over 38 weeks of the year for 3-4 year olds.

Can used flexibly with one or more childcare providers.

**Click on the link below for further information regarding childcare funding, which is currently expanding**

[Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#)

### **Free childcare criteria for 3 year olds ( April 24)**

Working parents of 3 and 4 year olds can be entitled to 30 hours of free childcare.

The 30 hours free childcare is only for 38 weeks of the year, not 48 weeks. This is equivalent to school term times.

The eligibility for the 30-hour free childcare is:

- Child will have their 3rd birthday before the start of the academic term.
- Both parents must be working – or if a single parent, then they must be working
- Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National

- Minimum Wage or National Living Wage.
- A joint parent family with one parent working (a minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage), and one parent unable to work as they are an official carer or in receipt of disability benefit?
- A lone parent who is working a minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage?
- Parents must have an annual income of less than £100,000.
- Live in England
- If one parent of the couple is not working, or both parents are not working then the family will still be eligible for their free 15 hours. However if one parent isn't working because they are an official carer (e.g. receiving benefits relating to being a carer) or they are receiving disability benefits, and the other parent is working, the government has stated it "intends to make provision" to support these families.
- Parents are also eligible if they are self-employed or on a zero hour contract, as long as they earn at least the equivalent of 16 hours at the National Minimum Wage.
- The offer of 30 hours can be shared between providers.

At Goodway Nursery school, our 30-hour offer can be split as follows;  
Monday – Wednesday 15 hours, Wednesday – Friday 15 hours. We cannot split the offer of 30 hours in any other combination, as this would block funded places.

### **Free Childcare for two year Olds**

15 hours of early education for 2 year olds is available to children whose families meet one of the following thresholds:

- Universal credit
- Income support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (If you are unable to work due to illness or a disability)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit; or Child Tax Credit, provided they have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC).
- Working Tax Credits (including those in receipt during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work fewer than 16 hours per week) with a household income of less than £16,190 as assessed by HMRC.
- The child has a current statement of special educational needs or an Education, health and Care plan.
- The child is in receipt of the Disability Living Allowance.
- The child is looked after by their local authority (LAC)
- The child has left care through special guardianship or an adoption or residence order

**From April 2024, working parents of two year olds will also be eligible to access 15 hours of free childcare, please click on the link below for further information. The criteria to access this funding is the same as for three year olds.**

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### **Fee-paying places**

- This can be used to 'Top up' a part time 15 hour place to create a Full time place or as a part time 2 year old place if you do not meet the eligibility criteria

