

Earls Colne Primary School & Nursery

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General

Earls Colne Primary School and Nursery is a Foundation School. The Admissions Committee of the School's Governing Body considers admission to the Primary School and the Nursery separately.

Although it is anticipated that most children will move from the Nursery to the Primary School, there is no automatic right of transfer. Parents must complete application forms for both the Nursery and the Primary School.

Application forms for the Nursery are available from the School Office. Parents are advised to submit application forms as early as possible although this does not guarantee them a place or the sessions that they request.

Places will be offered strictly in line with the agreed admissions criteria.

Nursery Admissions

Children are admitted to the Nursery from three years of age, without reference to ability or aptitude.

Children will be entitled to receive free Nursery Education for five, three-hour sessions per week, where places are available from the term following their third birthday. Parents must pay for sessions if they choose to take these up before their child is eligible for free sessions.

In the event of there being extra sessions available, parents may purchase these.

Oversubscription

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available admission is determined by admitting children according to their age (oldest children first), according to the following criteria in the given order:

1. Looked After Children, Previously Looked After Children and Children Previously Looked After from outside England

2. The child lives within the boundaries of the existing catchment area and has a sibling still attending Earls Colne Primary School at the time of admission. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

3. The child resides within the boundaries of the existing catchment area as indicated on the map available on request from the school

4. Children of teaching and non-teaching staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application for the school place.

5. The child lives out of catchment but has a sibling still attending Earls Colne Primary School at the time of admission. Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

6. The straight-line distance from home to school with those children residing nearer being given higher priority.

In event of oversubscription in any of the criteria, the distance tie-breaker in criterion (6) will be applied.