



Pre-School Admissions Policy

September 2019

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Statement of Intent and Aim

We aim to make our Pre-school accessible to and inclusive of children and families from all sections of the local community through open and fair procedures.

EYFS Key Themes and Commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.3 Keeping safe 1.4 Health and well-being	2.2 Parents as partners	3.4 The wider context	

Key Facts

- Our academic year is from 1st September to 31st August
- We are registered to provide care for children from the start of the term in which they turn two years six months
- Children usually start primary school reception class in the September of the academic year in which they turn five
- Universal Nursery Education Funding (NEF) is provided from the Government via the County Council
- Every child is eligible for up to 15 hours funded per week for 38 weeks a year from the term after their child turns three
- Where an academic year exceeds this allowance (most are 39 weeks), the additional week(s) will be charged at the standard hourly rate
- By Government policy, children can share NEF hours between two settings (i.e. Little Deers and another preschool, day nursery, maintained nursery school / class, registered child-minder etc)
- We also take children who are eligible for Funded 2's free places. Families can find out if their child is eligible for funding on the Gloucestershire County Council website.

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Places at Little Deers Apperley Pre-School are allocated primarily on a date of birth policy

We may also take the following into account:

- Special Educational needs
- Referrals from outside agencies
- Particular circumstances affecting the family
- Siblings previously or already attending the Preschool;
- Intention to attend Deerhurst and Apperley School
- The vicinity of the home to the Preschool

Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis.

Waiting Lists

The Play Leader holds a waiting list, which includes consideration of the child's current attendance at Little Deers where appropriate, and acts as a notification of intent.

A place on the waiting list does not guarantee a place at a future date. Spaces cannot be held or reserved (for example, ahead of a summer birthday), even for a fee. Parents wishing to increase their child's attendance should inform the Play Leader in writing – if a space is not currently available they will join the waiting list.

If a place becomes available it will be offered based on the following order of precedence. Where there are multiple children on the list fulfilling the same criteria, these will be approached in order of date of birth, oldest first:

- Children who do not currently attend any sessions Little Deers
- Children who currently attend 0.5 – 1 days per week but have intent to attend more
- Children who currently attend > 1 day per week but have intent to attend more
- Children who currently attend < 3 days per week and have not yet expressed an interest in attending more

If a place becomes available but the first child on the waiting list is unable to start, it will be offered to the next eligible child on the list. Decisions will be made and communicated as promptly and efficiently as possible. Registration cannot be discussed with families other than that of the child in question.

