

Goose Green Primary and Nursery School



Admissions Policy

ADMISSIONS POLICY

At Goose Green Primary School our supportive and highly skilled governors aim to provide a quality education in partnership with parents and staff so that our children can grow as self- confident, responsible and fun loving members of the global community.

Goose Green Primary and Nursery School became an independent academy on 1 October 2012 and is funded directly by the Department for Education (DfE). Academies are publicly funded state schools, free from local authority control. We are our own admission authority and are responsible for our own admission arrangements. This policy is on the school website and we are required to review it every seven years or consult with all interested parties if there is any change.

The responsibility for the administration of admissions is the Admissions Officer at school and the independent appeal panel will be managed by Ms Winsome Levy. It is essential that applications for a place meet the deadlines. Any applications received after this date will be considered as 'late applications' and only considered after all 'on-time' applications have been processed in line with Southwark's Admission Policy.

NURSERY ADMISSION

Children are admitted in the September following their third birthday on a part time basis only. If a place becomes available during the year we will offer it to the next child on our waiting list.

Children will only be allowed to attend in nappies if the doctor provides evidence that there is a physical or educational need that prevents toilet training.

Admissions to Nursery are managed by school. An application form is available on our website or at the school office and must be returned to school by the date on our web site. For admission purposes, the home address is where the child usually lives with their parent. You must not give the address of a child minder or relative. We will investigate any queries about addresses. When we make an offer, we assume your address will be the same in the September your child will enter Nursery. If you plan to move house, you must still give your current address. If we are over-subscribed the admission criteria for Reception Class will be followed.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR RECEPTION

Goose Green Primary and Nursery School, Goose Green Education Trust is a non-selective academy for local children. If the Academy is oversubscribed, priority will be given to children with Statements of Special Educational Needs, where the Academy is named on the Statement. The remaining places will then be offered in the following order of priority.

a) Looked after children and children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence/special guardianship order).

b) Children who will have brothers or sisters attending the school at their time of entry, including half/step/adopted brothers and sisters who share the same home.

c) Where professional evidence indicates that there are particular psychological, medical or social needs which the Governing Body and Headteacher agree can best be addressed at the school.

d) Children living closest to the school, using 'as the crow flies' from the main entrance to the Academy to the main entrance of the child's home. If a child lives in a block of flats the communal entrance will be used and lower door numbers will take priority.

N.B. Tie-break – Once all the criteria have been applied, places will be offered to children living nearest the school.

For information about the admissions process, including key dates each year, please see Southwark Council and school website.

APPEALS

Parents who are not offered a place for their child are entitled to appeal to an independent committee under the provisions of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

WAITING LIST

Children's names can be placed on our Nursery waiting list after their second birthday. Their names will be kept on record until the offer of a place is sent out to parents at the end of May.

For every other year a waiting list will operate. Following an unsuccessful application, parents can ask for their child's name to be placed on a waiting list in case a place becomes available.

ADOPTED AND SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY: Robert McDade	
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