



## **Rush Common School**

### **Preschool Admissions Arrangements**

The catchment area for the preschool is the same as for the primary school.

The admission numbers are stated in full time equivalent (FTE) places. One FTE place is 30 hours per week, term time only.

There are 28 FTE places.

Within the 28 FTE places, there is a set limit of 5 FTE places for 2 year olds.

There is one admissions intake per year in September.

The school will set and advertise a deadline for considering applications for the September admissions. This will be aligned with the date for admissions applications for the primary school.

Funding and entitlement are based on a three-term year. The minimum universal entitlement to funded nursery education is 15 hours per week, or 570 hours per year, from the term after the child's third birthday.

The school offers preschool places in several ways. These include half or full day sessions, or extended sessions covering lunchtimes.

The school is permitted to agree take up of fewer hours than the minimum universal entitlement to meet parental request but is not obliged to. Preference will always be given to parents who want the full hours of provision.

Parents will be notified that a place is available for their child one term in advance of the September admissions.

Children are entitled to a place from the first day of term and offers of a place must always give this as an option even when the school offers 'staggered starts' or induction periods to help children settle in.

Extended provision is available through the preschool's before and after school club, between 7.30 am and 8.30 am; and 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday. This is not part of the universal entitlement.

The school's website details how parents can apply for a preschool place.

If more applications are received than there are places, then the following criteria are used and closely follow the admissions criteria for the statutory ages of the school.

The oversubscription criteria below will be followed in descending order of priority.

1. Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

2. Children of a member of staff who works at Abingdon Learning Trust.
3. Children who live in the catchment area and have a brother or sister on roll at Rush Common School the time of application who will still be attending at the time of entry.
4. Children who live in the catchment area.
5. Children who have a brother or sister on roll at the time of application who will still be attending at the time of entry but live outside the catchment area.
6. All other children who do not live in the catchment area and also do not have a brother or sister on roll at the time of application.

The preschool will consider applications throughout the year, and if there are no empty spaces, children will be placed on the continued interest list. The school will not operate the preschool with empty places in any term if there are eligible children on the continued interest list.

The school prefers not to choose to allow parents to split their free universal and 2- year-old entitlement (where offered) with another provider but parents should contact the school to discuss this.

Any complaint about the operation of this admissions policy, should be directed to the Headteacher of Rush Common School in the first instance, and then to the CEO of Abingdon Learning Trust.

There is no statutory right of appeal.