



## ABBEY WOOD NURSERY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

*'The document should be read in conjunction with Early Learning in Royal Greenwich 2016/2017 admissions guidelines.'*

We accept children for our application list as soon as they are two years old. The length of time a child's name is on the application list does not give a child priority over later applicants.

Decisions on admissions are usually made in the spring term; this is due to the one point of entry into Primary schools in Greenwich. Most admission places are filled in September. Occasional vacancies arise throughout the year.

For **three and four year olds** Abbey Wood Nursery School follows the Admissions Policy and Guidelines adopted by the Greenwich Education Committee. These are updated annually after consultation with Governing Bodies. They are as follows:

- If demand exceeds the number of places available for a specific term, priority will be given to the following groups of children in the order they are listed:
  1. Looked after children.
  2. Children with a social, medical or educational need, in particular those assessed as "in need" under the Children Act of 1989 or assessed as having special educational needs under the Education Act of 1996.
  3. Children who have brothers or sisters or who live at the same address as children already attending the Nursery
  4. Greenwich children for whom it is the nearest nursery provision
  5. Greenwich children for whom it is not the nearest nursery provision
  6. Children living in other Boroughs
- If priority has to be decided for children from groups 2 to 5, the position of each child's home in relation to the nursery will be considered. The area of recruitment will normally be that served by the primary schools to which most children transfer. In the case of Abbey Wood this would be Alexander McLeod, Bannockburn, Gallions Mount and Boxgrove.
- Preference will be given to those living nearest the school.
- In deciding on the educational, medical and social needs of individual children, consideration will be given to their specific cognitive, physical or linguistic needs and family circumstances. Advice from social workers, health visitors, speech and language therapists and other professionals will be noted. **Reviewed March 2017 (next review date March 2020)**

- An existing registered childminder's address, instead of the home address, may be used to determine the position of the child's home in relation to the nursery. Where the child's home address is not in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, the child will be considered as not living in the Borough regardless of the childminder's address.
- In general, the make-up of the nursery should be similar to that of the local primary schools to which children transfer.
- If a child is offered a nursery place, he or she will only be able to start if the parents agree to them attending five days each week and that it will be the only subsidised place taken by the child.

For **children aged 2**, Abbey Wood Nursery accepts children on the 'Together for Twos' programme as nominated through the local GLL Children's Centre (on site).