



Endeavour Primary Academy

*Nursery Admissions Policy
ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25*

1. Nursery Admissions Procedure

Endeavour Academy will admit nursery children for the academic year September 2025 to July 2026. The Academy offers five morning sessions of three hours each. Children are also able to apply for 30 hours provision, with Endeavour Academy being enabled since June 2023.

Prospective parents should register their interest with the Academy as soon as possible by completing a form which is available from the Academy office. Forms should be submitted to the school no later than June of the year the child is due to start nursery.

All parents who have returned an application form will be contacted in early on in the Summer term of the year they are due to start in Nursery. Parents will also be phoned to confirm that they require the place. Parents will also complete a confirmation slip to accept the place. This form must be returned to the Academy before the date stated in the letter or the offer of a place may be withdrawn and the place offered to another child.

2. Allocation of places

Places will be allocated to children who will be 4 years old between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025 (and therefore born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021) in the first instance.

All applicants who will be 4 years old between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026 will be admitted if places are available after they turn 3. These children will become 'rising 3's and will begin in January 2025 at the earliest.

If the number of applicants exceeds 26 the school will apply the following criteria:

Children with Education Health Care Plans will be allocated places before the oversubscription criteria are applied. The criteria for over-subscription are:

A: Children in Public Care (Looked after Children); children who have previously been looked after but have been adopted immediately following this period; children who are under a residence or special guardianship order.

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their Social Services functions (see the definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989)

B. Children and families with exceptional medical or social needs.

Written evidence must be provided by a suitably qualified professional (e.g. a GP or consultant for medical needs, or a social worker for social needs). The information must confirm the exceptional medical or social need and demonstrate how the specified Academy is the only Academy which can meet the defined needs of the child. A panel of officers from The Enquire Learning Trust will make a decision as to whether to admit a child under this criterion, using the evidence provided.

Parents/carers are responsible for providing all information in support of an application by the closing date. Officers of the Trust will not ask for additional information. All information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence.

C. Sibling

This will apply where there are brothers or sisters attending Endeavour Academy at the time of application and who will still be attending at the time of admission, i.e. in the September when a pupil is admitted to Nursery. Preference will be given to pupils living nearest to the Academy. The sibling criterion includes; natural sisters/brothers; half-sisters/brothers; step sisters/brothers; adopted sisters/brothers; sisters/brothers of fostered children; children of the parent/carer's partner and in each case living at the same address. This allows for the admittance of children whose siblings will still be attending the preferred Academy.

D. Distance

All other applications allocated on distance. Preference will be given to pupils living nearest to the Academy, considering ease of access to and distance from alternative Nurseries. Ease of access will be considered when parents provide details of particular reasons which mean that their child could reach Endeavour Academy Nursery, but would have a disproportionately long journey to the next nearest Nursery if denied admission. Details must be provided at the time of application.

Distance will be measured as a straight line from the child's home address, using the address point assigned by the National Land and Property Gazetteer, to the main gate to the academy property.

Measurements will be made using the Local Authority's Academy admissions data mapping software, which uses a Geographical Information System based on Ordnance Survey.

Where oversubscription occurs in applying either criteria A, B or C, priority will be given to those pupils living nearest the Academy, measured as a straight line (as above).

The address from which the distance will be measured will be the permanent residential address at the time of application, of the parent with whom the child normally resides. Where parents have shared responsibility, each for part of a week, the home address used will be that from which the child travels to for the majority of the week. In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more

applications for the last place to be allocated, the shortest walking distance will be used as a measure using the Local Authority's Academy admissions data mapping software.

In cases where twins, triplets or other multiple birth siblings would be split when allocations take place, they will be allocated a place over the published admission number and will remain excepted pupils for the time they are in an infant class or until the class numbers fall back to the infant class size limit.

3. Waiting Lists

If Endeavour Academy is oversubscribed, a waiting list will be maintained and will remain in place until the end of the relevant academic year. Parents who have expressed Endeavour Academy as a preference will automatically be placed on the waiting list. All pupils on the waiting list will be ranked according to the oversubscription criteria. Any places will be offered to the highest ranked application received immediately a place becomes available.

4. Available places after the start of term in September 2024

If there are still places available after the start of term in September 2023, the Academy will offer empty places to pupils who will become 3 years old between 1st September 2024 and 31st December 2024. Pupils will not be able to start in the nursery until the beginning of the term **after** they become 3 i.e. January 2025 at the earliest. Pupils accepted into the nursery in this category will not be required to apply for a place in September 2025 as they will automatically continue in the nursery. Places will be offered using the same criteria as for the main allocation.

5. Available places after the start of term in January 2025

If there are still places available after the start of term in January 2025 the Academy will offer empty places to pupils who will become 3 years old between 1st January 2025 and 31st March 2025. Pupils will not be able to start in the nursery until the beginning of the term **after** they become 3 i.e., after Easter 2025 at the earliest. Pupils accepted into the nursery in this category will not be required to apply for a place in September 2025 as they will automatically continue in the nursery. Places will be offered using the same criteria as for the main allocation:

4. Appeals

Any parent who is refused admission to Endeavour Academy has the right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. For pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan, an appeal can be made to the SEN and Disability Tribunal (details are included in the Plan).

Parents who wish to appeal against a decision to refuse admission to Endeavour Academy should do so in writing, setting out clearly why their child should be allocated a place. Parents of children who have not been allocated a place will be notified in writing and will be informed of how to appeal against the decision. Information on appeals can also be found on the Academy Admissions webpage. <http://www.tameside.gov.uk/academys/admissions>.

The Appeals Panel will:

- *be independent of the Academy and the LA.*
- *give the appellant, who may be accompanied by a friend or be represented, the opportunity to make oral representation.*