

NURSERY ADMISSIONS POLICY

January 2025, April 2025, September 2025 and January 2026

Seaton Academy is a publicly funded Independent School. The Academy Trust is the Admissions Authority and acts as part of the coordinated scheme within the local authority.

Parents must apply for a place using the Academy Application form which must be returned as specified on the form. The form is available on our website:

<https://www.seatonacademy.co.uk/about-us/admissions>

When do children become entitled to nursery education?

The table below shows when children become eligible, the earliest date of entry and also the closing date for applications. Should there be space in our Nursery, we will accept application after the closing date, or consider for the next intake.

Children Born Between	Earliest Date of Entry	Closing Date for Applications
01.09.21- 31.12.21	January 2025	1 st September 2024
01.01.22 – 31.03.22	April 2025	1 st January 2025
01.04.22 – 31.08.22	September 2025	1 st March 2025
01.09.22- 31.12.22	January 2026	1 st September 2025

What is the entitlement?

Seaton Academy offers all successful applicants 15 hours of government-funded free nursery education over 5-morning sessions for 38 weeks. **We accept government codes for those eligible for free childcare for 15 or 30 hours from the term after your child turns 3.** If you are not eligible for funding, Nursery care is still available at a cost of £5.00 per hour and £3 for lunch. The sessions run from 9.00am to 12.00pm and 1.00pm to 3.00pm with lunch from 12.00pm until 1.00pm.

We are now delighted to offer Government-funded 15 hours of Nursery **provision from the day your child turns 3 years old** (for those with an eligible code). This would be a great opportunity to introduce your child to our Nursery earlier than the usual intake dates. If you are not eligible for the 15 hours code Nursery care is still available at a cost of £5.00 per hour, and £3 for lunch. Those using 15 hours codes, can also 'top-up' or extend care at the same rate. The minimum attendance is 3 mornings per week (9 hours) up to a maximum of 30 hours per week (5 full days). We would require 1 week's notice of your requirements.

How do I apply for a place at Seaton Academy Nursery?

Complete Seaton Academy Nursery Application form and return it to the main office before the closing date. Late applications will only be considered after all applications received by the closing date have been considered.

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The application form is available on our website or from the main office.

You must include the following supporting documents:

- Evidence of your child's date of birth e.g. birth certificate
- Evidence of your child's home address

In the event that there are more applicants than places which have been received by the closing date, the Academy Trust will allocate places using the following criteria, which are listed in order of priority:

1. **Children looked after by a local authority.**
2. **Children with previous applications and were unable to be allocated a place in January/April 2023.**
3. **Children resident within the Academy catchment area who have a brother or sister already in attendance at Seaton Academy at the time of admission.**
4. **Children resident within the Academy catchment area.**
5. **Children not resident in the catchment area with a brother or sister already in attendance at Seaton Academy at the time of admission.** (Brothers and sisters are those living at the same address and includes step and foster children.)
6. **Children not resident in the Academy catchment area without a brother and sister already in attendance at Seaton Academy.**

If applications cannot be separated by applying the above criteria, places will be prioritised by the proximity of the front door of the child's home to the Main Entrance of the Academy, measured by a straight line, those nearest being awarded the highest priority. There is no right of appeal in the case of unsuccessful applications.