



Little Wrens Nursery

'from tiny acorns, mighty oaks grow'

**2020 – 2021 ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR NURSERY
(Date of Birth: 01/09/2016 – 31/08/2017)***

Our pedagogy is:

- Rooted in our values and beliefs about what we want for children
- Informed by our understanding of how children learn and develop and the practices through which we can enhance that process
- Reflected within the nursery environment, both indoors and outdoors, that we provide
- Supported by knowledge, theory and experience

Our shared values and beliefs

We understand that:

- Children are born ready, able and eager to learn and that they actively reach out to interact with other people, and in the world around them
- Development depends on each unique child having opportunities to interact in positive relationships and enabling environments
- Building a partnership with parents and carers, based upon supportive, trusting relationships, supports children's development and learning
- If we want to know who children are and what they can do we need to ensure we are giving them the opportunities to show us

Within our practice we prioritise:

- Using our developing understanding of the 'The characteristics of effective teaching and learning' (Stewart, 2011) as a starting point for thinking about the provision we make for the children in our setting, aiming to instil motivation to not only succeed in Early Years, but to also become lifelong learners.
- Gaining greater understanding of the individual child through observation, documentation and reflection
- Using this knowledge and understanding to make decisions about how we can best support the child's development and learning
- Ensuring the environment, both emotional and physical, offers each child appropriate challenge and motivation.

The Governing Body will consider all applications for admission to the Nursery in accordance with their Criteria for Admission (available on request).



Little Wrens Nursery Making an Application



Applicants must complete the application form (obtainable online at www.stmarysprimary.durham.sch.uk) and return via email to barnardcastlestmary@durhamlearning.net. You should also provide the stipulated documentation, including the child's birth certificate, original baptismal certificate (if applicable) and proof of address.

The closing date for return of forms to School Office is **Friday 19th October 2020**. Offer letters will be sent out as soon as possible after this closing date. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered in the first round of allocating the places but rest assured we will contact you should there still be places available.

PLEASE NOTE: Admission to Little Wrens Nursery **DOES NOT** guarantee a place at St Mary's Catholic Primary School. A completely separate application process exists for school admissions.

In **addition** to this application, the admission of a pupil with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC) is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. Details of this **additional** procedure are set out in the *Special Educational Needs Code of Practice*.

Unsuccessful applicants may ask to be placed on a Waiting List for the nursery. If a place becomes available, this will be allocated in accordance with the Nursery's Criteria for Admission.

***If any places are still available in Little Wrens Nursery during the year (September – July), the Governors will consider applications for children to start the term after they reach 3 years of age.**