The Westborough School
Nursery Admissions Criteria

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Policy and Numbers:

(i) Children will be admitted, where possible, the term after their 3rd birthday. Admissions will be regardless of ability or aptitude and are for part time places. Application for September should be received before 30th April. After this date it will be treated as a late application.

(ii) The intended admission will be 52 for the September intake. The majority of admissions are in September.

(iii) The next formal admission intake is in January where the number of intended admissions will be 26. Applications should be received before 31st October. After this date it will be treated as a late application.

(iv) There will be an intake in April, if there are spaces available. Applications should be received by 31st January.

(v) Each child is offered 15 hours of funded education. These are offered over 5 morning sessions of 3 hours or 5 afternoon sessions of 3 hours, Monday to Friday

Priority will be given to children in the following order:

(1) Looked after children on long term placements and residing with carers who live within the agreed area and also children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).

(2) Children with a brother or sister on roll (a child who shares the same parent and address) at the close of applications for the forthcoming academic year.

(3) Children living within the catchment area of the school.

(4) Children living outside the catchment area.

Priority placements also for:

The special needs of children referred to under Section 176 of the Education Act 1993 naming The Westborough School.

In the event of over subscription on any one category the older child by school term (see note below) will be given a preference. If there is no difference in school age then "straight line" distance will be used to measure the distance between the child's home and the nearest pupil entrance to the school. Those living nearer will be accorded the highest priority.

Further Information:

Daily morning sessions run from 8.30am-11.30am and afternoon sessions from 12.15pm-3.15pm.

Place Allocation:

Parents/Carers will be contacted and places will be allocated the half-term before their children starts nursery.

Evidence: *Parents will be asked to provide documentary evidence with regard to residency within the catchment area of the school at the time of admission. We will also need sight of your child's birth certificate.*
Your co-operation is appreciated.

Please Note: *A child's attendance at the nursery does not guarantee admission to the school for primary education. A separate single application form from the local authority must be filled in for the transfer from nursery to reception.*

School Terms are defined as 1st September to 31st December, 1st January to 31st March and 1st April to 31st August. For example, if a nursery was oversubscribed a child born in the Sept-Dec period would have priority over a younger child born in the Jan-March period. Two children born in the same period would be prioritised according to distance.

In the exceptional situation where one twin or one or two triplets could be refused a place, the nursery will have discretion to exceed the place number.

Appeals
The Governing Body will establish an Admission Committee and an independent Admission Appeals Committee to consider appeals as per current legislation.