

## **Nursery Admissions Policy**

At Rise Park Sunbeams Nursery we care for children between the ages of 3 and 4 years. We offer both charged places and free government funded places. All 3 year old Nursery children can attend for 15 hours per week which is free and funded by the Government. From September 2017 families who are eligible will be able to receive 30 hours of free Nursery Care at Rise Park. Please note for admissions for the free nursery education we have a termly intake, beginning the term following your child's third birthday.

All funded sessions are in line with the flexible arrangement as specified by the Government. When you register your child for their funded place we will discuss your needs and, as far as possible with availability and staffing arrangements, we will accommodate your wishes.

The numbers and ages of children admitted to the nursery comply with the legal space requirements set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). When considering admissions we are mindful of staff: child ratios and the facilities available at the nursery.

1. Places will be offered firstly to Looked After Children and previously looked after children, i.e. for looked after children, children who are (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 in accordance with section 22 of the

Children Act 1989, at the time an application for a school is made; and **previously looked after children**, children who were previously looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (under the Adoption Act 1976 or Adoption and Children's Act 2002), or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

- 2. Places will be offered to children who have a brother or sister, including an adopted, foster, half- or step brother or sister, living at the same address who is attending Rise Park Academy at the time of admission.
- 3. Places will then be offered in cases of exceptional family, social or medical need (which must be described on the application form and verified by professionally supported evidence) which makes this school the most suitable one for the child;
- 4. The remaining places will be offered to children who live nearest to the school, as measured by a straight line to the nearest school gate.

Places are not offered on a 'first come, first served' basis. The offer of a nursery place does not guarantee a place in our reception class, for which you will have to apply separately.

We operate an inclusion and equality policy and allocate places irrespective of their gender, race, disability, religion or belief or sexual orientation of parents.

Prior to a child attending nursery, parents must complete and sign a contract and registration form. These forms provide the nursery with personal details relating to the child. For example, name, date of birth, address, emergency contact details, parental responsibilities, dietary requirements, collection arrangements, fees and sessions, contact details for parents, doctor's contact details, health visitor contact details, allergies, parental consent and vaccinations etc.