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All children are eligible for 15 hours of government-funded provision the term after their third birthday and some children whose parents meet the eligibility criteria will be able to seek up to an extra 15 hours of funded provision per week. They may take up this free provision the term after their third birthday. Provided that spaces are available, you may be able to pay for additional sessions in 3 hour blocks. Charges are outlined in our charging and remissions policy.

The government has introduced 30 hour nursery places for families that meet the eligibility criteria. Please visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> for more information. If your child is not eligible for thirty hours the universal entitlement is fifteen hours. Fifteen hours entitlement is normally spread over five mornings or five afternoons.

Session	Start Time	Collection Time	Additional Information
Morning session	8:45am	11:45am	
Afternoon session	12.15pm	3.15pm	
Whole Day session	8:45am	2:45pm	<u>Lunch Options</u> Children can either bring a packed lunch or purchase a school dinner at £1.80 per day.
Whole day session	8:45am	3:15pm	<u>Lunch Options</u> -as above <u>Additional 1/2 hour charge of £2.00</u>

Applying for a place

The responsibility for determining the admissions for Nursery age children lies with the Governing Body of the school. The Governing Body has delegated this responsibility to the Headteacher, Early Years Teacher and Administrator.

Parents can request a nursery admissions pack for the next academic year on the first day of Summer Term before by contacting the School Office. The deadline for applications is last school day in May. These dates will be advertised on our school website calendar. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered until all other places are allocated.

Places will be allocated according to the following North Yorkshire County Council's admission guidelines.

ORDER OF PRIORITY:	<i>Notes</i>
<p><u>First priority:</u> Looked after children and all previously looked after children for whom the school has been expressed as a preference. Previously looked after children are children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted* or became subject to a child arrangement order* or special guardianship order.</p>	<p>This applies to all looked after children, including those who are in the care of another local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services function at the time of making an application.</p> <p>In the case of previously looked after children, a copy of the relevant documentation will be required in support of the application.</p> <p>*This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 and children who were adopted under the Adopted & Children Act 2002. Child arrangement orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangement order.</p>

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Second priority: Children the authority considers to have exceptional social or medical reasons for admission.	We will only consider applications on social or medical grounds if they are supported by a professional recommendation from a doctor, social worker or other appropriate professional. The supporting evidence should set out the particular social or medical reason(s) why the school in question is the most suitable school and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school. Panels of professionally qualified people will consider all applications made under priority group two
Third priority: Children living within the catchment area of the school.	
Fourth priority: Children living outside the catchment area of the school.	

Tie break

If there are not enough places for all the children in one of these priority groups, we will give priority first to those with a sibling at the school in September 2020 (in all cases sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent / carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling) and then to those living nearest the school.

If within a priority group there are not enough places for all those with a sibling at the school in September 2020, we will give priority to those children with a sibling living nearest the school.

All distance measurements are based on the nearest route recognised by the county council's electronic mapping system from a child's home address to school. The measurement is made from a fixed point within the dwelling, as identified by Ordnance Survey, to the nearest school entrance using footpaths and roads. The routes measured to determine the allocation of school places will be those recognised by the electronic mapping system used by the school admissions team.

A home address means the place where your child lives permanently for most of the time. If the residency of your child is split between two parents, we consider the home address to be the one where the child lives for the majority of the week. When a child lives equally with both parents, with both parents' agreement, they can elect one of their two addresses to be used for allocating a school place.

If the distance tie-break is not sufficient to distinguish between applicants in a particular priority group a random allocation will be used.

Places will be allocated in June for the following academic year (September-July). If your child is allocated a place in our nursery this place will be allocated for your child's entire time in Nursery. There is no need to re-apply at the end of the first academic year.