Admission Policy

Criteria for Admission

At St. Augustine's Nursery, places are offered using the admissions criteria below, in this order of priority:

1. Children with special or social need, as identified by Islington Borough Council representatives.
2. Children with siblings who are currently at St Augustine's Nursery.
3. Children whose parents/carers have taken a committee role, or who are ready to commit to a committee role.
4. Children with siblings who have previously attended St Augustine's Nursery.

Within each criteria priority is given to children resident in the Borough of Islington.

We are a community nursery that relies on the active involvement of parents/carers by way of joining the management committee (this means overseeing the running of the nursery, ensuring its future viability and performing specific duties/attending committee meetings).

Length of time on the waiting list is not a criterion for admission.

Places are available for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). The number of such children at any one time will be at the discretion of the nursery staff and management committee. We will always seek advice from the Islington Early Years' Service in these cases.

As stated above, sibling admission applications will be prioritised. However, the following will be considered when a sibling application is received: the attendance/unexplained absences records of the older sibling at nursery (see Attendance Policy), and if relevant, whether fees were paid in a timely fashion, as laid out in the Funding and Parental Involvement Policy. Each case will be considered individually and reasonable adjustments will be made where required

At St Augustine's Nursery your child can access 15 or 30 hours childcare, either grant funded or fee-paid. We offer:

Funded childcare places are offered in accordance with current Government early years entitlements, including:

- funded places for eligible families receiving additional support;
- funded places for eligible working parents of children from 9 months old;
- the universal entitlement for all 3 and 4 year olds; and
- extended entitlements for eligible working families.

To check eligibility criteria and for funding arrangements relating to free childcare please check:

Free Childcare for Working Parents: Check if you're eligible - GOV.UK

Application must be made the term prior to the start date. Proof of entitlement must be provided and renewed on request to access the funded places. Without it, a fee-paid place will be offered instead.

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