



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.
5. Some places are available for Islington Council's assisted government schemes as agreed in the Service Level Agreement.

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

The admissions criteria ensure that St Augustine's Nursery's intake supports parents and carers involved in running it and thus criterion 3 benefits families who take an active role in the Management Committee (which means performing specific duties and attending Committee meetings). Committee members who do not fulfil this description will fall under the other criteria only, like any other parents. Length of time on the waiting list is not a criterion for admission. Places are available for children with professionally supported acute medical or social needs. 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.

St Augustine's provides a number of assisted places to eligible families. Please check eligibility with your local council and provide a proof of eligibility to support your

application.

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 as laid out in the Funding and Parental Involvement Policy in a timely fashion. If there are concerns about these issues or other similar ones, admission of the sibling may be delayed or refused.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

St. Augustine's Nursery

Held on (date)

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee/Proprietor

Role of signatory (e.g. chairperson etc.)
