



The Acorns
Primary and Nursery School

Admissions Policy for 3-Year Olds

September 2023

Children can join our 3-year old room from the term after they turn 3 years of age. There are a maximum of 50 places for 3-year olds covering morning, afternoon and all-day sessions with a maximum of 30 per session. The sessions run from 8.40-11.40am and 12.10-3.10pm or 8.40-3.10pm for the all-day session, priority for those places is given to children in our 2-year old room followed by those on the waiting list.

In order to apply please complete an Expression of Interest form available from school. If there is a place available, you will be asked to complete an Application Form.

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours free childcare. Working families may also be entitled to an additional 15 hours (30 free hours in total). Please see the childcare website for details.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

If you think you are eligible for 30 hours free childcare, please apply by following the link on the above website. If eligible you will be given a code which should be given to school as part of your application.

There is a charge of £2 per day for the lunchtime for those claiming 30 hours. All booked sessions must be paid for and payment must be paid a week or a month in advance. If payment for a session has not been received by the end of the week, the child will not be permitted to attend further sessions until the outstanding debt has been cleared.

Sessions must be booked for the term and changes to the sessions attended may only be made at the start of a term.

In the event of oversubscription

There are 10 half-day sessions and 5 full-day sessions per week during term time and a maximum of 30 3-year olds may attend a session. In the event of sessions being full the following will be applied;

- Priority to those who have been in our 2-year old Caterpillar room
- Priority will be given to those children who have been on the waiting list from the earliest date
- Priority will be given to children who already have siblings in the school
- Priority will be given to older children

Admission to the 3-year old Nursery room does give automatic admission to the Reception class.

Applications to join the Reception class must be submitted to Cheshire West and Chester by the required date. Please see the Cheshire West and Chester website for details about the Reception class admissions procedure.