

Admissions Policy for Somerville Nursery School.

2018-19

Somerville Nursery School

Wirral has three Early Years Centres – Somerville Nursery School, Ganneys Meadow Early Years and Leasowe Early Years. Ganneys Meadow and Leasowe Early Years are also Children’s Centres. There are also 46 nursery classes attached to primary schools. Details of the Early Years Centres is given in the schools list at the back of the Primary Education Booklet from the Wirral website. If you want your child to go to an Early Years Centre such as Somerville Nursery School, ***please contact the Assistant Headteacher of the Nursery School on 0151 638 1567.*** Your child will normally be offered five part-time sessions. He or she will start in the term after your child’s third birthday. Additional sessions may be available, which you must pay for (subject to the paid sessions terms and conditions). In total, the number of children Somerville we can accept each year is 78 children into the Foundation 1 class and 32 into the 2 year old provision.

Foundation 1 (3-4 year olds)

Somerville Nursery School has a Foundation 1 class for children aged 3-4 years which offers a free government funded place for 15 hours. We have a limited number of places available for those children who meet the criteria for the additional 15 hours free entitlement. See information on page 2 for our Foundation 1 admissions policy.

2 year old room (2-3 year olds)

We also have 2 year old provision offering free funded places of 15 hours for eligible 2 year olds. In addition to this we are also able to offer ‘paid for’ places at £10 per session (subject to the paid sessions terms and conditions). See information on page 4 for our 2 year old provision admissions policy.

Important. *If your child has a place in Somerville Nursery School, this does not mean that they will automatically get a place in the Foundation 2 class at Somerville Primary School.*

Our admissions policy for Somerville Nursery School is as follows:

- If there are enough places available, your child will be offered a place.
- If there are not enough places available in a school for all the children who have applied, the Federation's governing body will decide which children to accept in line with the following guidelines: Four-year-olds
- The school's governing body will give priority to children who will become four during the coming academic year 2018/19 or the next respective academic year.
- If there are more of those children than there are places available, they will then give priority to children with a particular medical reason for going to their school. This is important if the school has special facilities, for example if the school has special equipment for a child with a physical or sensory disability.
- If there are still too many children eligible for the school, the governing body will reject the applications from parents who live in the catchment area of another school with a nursery class.
- If there are then enough places for the remaining children, they will offer all the children places. But if not, they will offer places first to the children who live nearest to the school (the distance from home to school is measured by the shortest available walking route).
- Finally, if there are any places left, the governing body will offer them to children living in the catchment area of another school who live nearest to the school. Some schools may have a different policy.

Three-year-olds

If there are places left after all the four-year-olds have been offered a place, the governing body will offer a place to children who become three during the academic year 2018/2019 or the respective academic year being considered based on the following priorities.

- Children with special educational needs which have been identified through a statutory assessment.
- Children whose parents receive Income Support, Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance or Working Tax Credit.
- Children whose birthday falls between 1 September and 31 December 2015.
- Children whose birthday falls between 1 January and 31 March 2016.
- Children whose birthday falls between 1 April and 31 August 2016.

If the priorities have to be decided within any category, the governing body will always give priority to the children who live nearest measured by the shortest available walking route.

Two-year-olds

Some 2 year olds who live in Wirral may be eligible to receive 15 hours per week FREE (570 hours per year) childcare from the term after their second birthday. Research shows that alongside parenting, high quality part time Early Years Education helps give children of this age a great start and a solid foundation for the future.

The funding can be used in Somerville Nursery School. Two year old children may be eligible for a part-time free childcare place if the household:—

- Has an income of no more than £16,190 and claiming working tax credits or child tax credits
- Claims Income Support, income based Job Seekers Allowance or income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Receives State Pension (Guarantee Credit)
- Receives support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act (1999)
- Or if the child:
 - has a Statement of Special Educational Needs or has an Education, Health and Care Plan
 - receives Disability Living Allowance (DLA) (in their own right)
 - is a looked after child or has left care through special guardianship or an adoption or residence order.

How to apply

Two months before the child's second birthday, either the parent/carer or a professional working with the family can submit an online application by going to <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare/free-childcare-two-year-olds> .You will need to know your National Insurance number in order to apply. If the application is successful, as part of the Early Years Provision for 2 Year Olds the family may receive a home visit from the Nursery School. You should contact the Assistant Headteacher on for further details.