



THE WILLOWS SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE NURSERY ADMISSIONS POLICY

The school provides for children living in the Fishermead grid square and surrounding areas. At 7+ pupils from the school's defined area will normally transfer to Orchard Academy or Jubilee Wood School.

The nursery provides for children living anywhere in Milton Keynes. The School receives funding to offer places for children for the term following their 3rd birthday. The School generally operates a single September admission date, but occasionally will admit children early (rising 3s) or have an additional January admission date if space allows.

In the case of oversubscription, children are admitted to the school's nursery class according to the following criteria.

1. A looked after child or previously looked after child
2. A sibling at the school who is expected to be on roll at the school at the time of admission of the younger sibling and the place of residence is within the catchment area of the school
3. The child's place of residence is within the catchment area of the school and there is no sibling
4. There is already a sibling at the school who is expected to be on roll at the school at the time of admission of the younger sibling and the place of residence is outside of the catchment area
5. Distance from the school to the place of residence.

Applications for children who have SEND (Special educational needs or disability) will be considered on an individual needs basis in discussion with parents. In the event of over-subscription, places will be allocated using the criteria above. Distance from the child's home to school is by the nearest available route. This is from the front door of the child's home to the school's nearest entrance gate, as measured using google maps.

The School allocates places to Nursery from its applicant list in April for a September start. Any applicants after the main intake each year are offered places on a first come first served basis until the Nursery unit is at full capacity. If more than one applicant applies for a single place on a given day, the school will allocate the place using the criteria above.

The catchment area for The Willows School and Early Years Centre is as follows:

Fishermead Boulevard	- 95 – 222
Gurnards Avenue	- 25 - 120
Helford Place	
Kellan Drive	
Mullion Place	- 3 – 91 (Odd numbers only)
Newlyn Place	
Pencarrow Place	- 2 – 80 (Even numbers only)
Penryn Avenue	- 25 – 120
Perran Avenue	- 1 – 16E
Porthleven Place	
Tolcarne Avenue	
Towan Avenue	- 1 – 16E
Vellan Avenue	
Veryan Place	

A place in the Nursery Class does not automatically confer admission to the school. The standard Local Authority (Milton Keynes Council) admissions procedure to school at reception age will apply irrespective of whether a child has attended the school's Nursery Class.

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