



**WARRINGTON**  
Borough Council

**Nursery Education**  
**Information for parents 2018**

# Things to be considered before applying for a nursery place for September 2018

## Age of admission

A child usually attends a maintained nursery for 12 months (three terms) prior to the year in which they start the reception class. A 'place' is usually offered as five morning or five afternoon sessions per week (15 hours a week). However, maintained nurseries admit children in subsequent terms, if they have places available. (See early years funding on page 15)

For admissions to Nursery School/Nursery Classes in September 2018 applications will be considered first from parents of children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015.

## Residence in the borough of Warrington

Please note that placements within the Warrington Local Authority nursery school/classes are for Warrington residents only in the first instance. You are resident in the borough of Warrington if you pay your council tax to Warrington Borough Council. If you pay your council tax to any other Local Authority please give details on the application form. Applications from outside the borough will only be considered once all Warrington children have had the opportunity to secure a place.

## Applications for nurseries outside the borough of Warrington

If you are seeking a nursery place outside Warrington or with a private provider please contact the Families' Information Service who will be able to help with contact details.

## Child's details

Please give the child's surname as it appears on the child's birth certificate unless it has since legally been changed by either adoption or deed poll.

## Home address

The address given should be the child's permanent place of residence - not a grandparent's or childminder's address. Places are allocated on the basis of the home address at the closing date for receipt of application forms. Any parent/carer seeking to advantage their child's application for a nursery place by submitting a false address (including a grandparent's or childminder's address), may have the offer of a place withdrawn once this is discovered.

## Change in circumstance

Any change in your home address between the date you completed the form and the closing date must be notified in writing to the school and supported by documentary evidence. Similarly if you are unsuccessful in your application for your first preference nursery but move address after the closing date, this should also be notified as it may affect your position on the waiting list.

Removals into Warrington after the closing date will be considered as late applications, i.e. they will normally be dealt with after all those applications which were received on time.

## **Declaration**

The application must be signed by the parent/carer and dated. By signing the declaration you are confirming that you have read the booklet 'Nursery Education- Information for parents 2018/19' and that the information you have given on the form is accurate. You are also confirming that you understand that the information may be checked and that no guarantee of a nursery place or preferred session time is given. Parents/carers are advised that the submission of false information in respect of an application may result in the offer of a nursery place being withdrawn.

## **Children with special educational needs**

Some children have their special educational needs identified before the age of three and may be referred to the Child Development Centre for multi professional assessment. If the child's needs are severe and complex then this assessment may include access to the Outreach Service from Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School within the preferred PVI setting. Some children may be offered a place within the alternative provision at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School.

Some children are described as 'children in need' as outlined by the Children's Act and it is our wish to offer those children nursery places as soon as appropriate.

If your child has a special need or is undergoing an Education, Health and Care assessment please supply written support from a health visitor, doctor or social worker and attach this to the application form.

## **Preferences**

The application form invites parents/carers to state up to three maintained nurseries in order of preference. First preferences will always be considered first, and second preferences will only be considered if there are still places left after all first preferences have been allocated a place. Second preferences have priority over third preferences.

If no second or third preference is stated and you are unsuccessful in your application for your first preference nursery, no other nursery place will be offered. However you can request information at that stage from the Admissions Team as to which nursery school and schools with nursery classes have places available.

### *Please note:*

It is important you consider your preferences carefully and only submit a second or third preference if you are able to take up the offer of a place there.

## **Changing your preferences**

Changing your preference for a nursery after the closing date will mean that your application will then be treated as a late application and will only be processed after all on time applications.

## **Waiting lists**

Schools will keep a waiting list where places are refused. The waiting list comprises of the names of unsuccessful applicants ranked in descending order according to the published oversubscription criteria.

### *Please note:*

When prospective pupils withdraw, places vacated are filled by children from the waiting list. The waiting list will operate from after the main allocation is completed until Easter 2019. Positions on the list may alter depending upon withdrawals, late applications or people changing address.

## **Appeals**

There is no right of appeal against the allocation of places to nursery school and school nursery classes.

## **Transport**

It is the parent's/carer's responsibility to secure their child's regular attendance at a nursery and to ensure their child is able to get to and from the nursery school/class by whatever means is available to them.

Exceptionally some children in supported nursery places may be offered assistance with transport to supported nursery places but each case would be assessed on its own merits.

## Maintained nurseries in Warrington

This section provides information about all the maintained nursery classes and nursery schools in Warrington. The table includes contact details, the number of places on offer and the individual nursery's oversubscription criteria. Please be aware that none of the oversubscription criteria listed on pages 7 – 13 guarantees a place at a nursery.

### Types of maintained nursery school and classes in Warrington

Warrington Borough Council directly maintains one nursery school and 28 nursery classes attached to both community and faith schools.

#### Community school nurseries

At nurseries attached to community schools the local authority is the admission authority for the nursery classes and the allocation of places is agreed by the school on behalf of the local authority in accordance with the oversubscription criteria as detailed on page 7.

The Local Authority is also the admission authority for the following Faith schools and the allocation of places is agreed by the school on behalf of the local authority in accordance with the oversubscription criteria as detailed on page 7.

- Birchwood CE Primary School
- Cinnamon Brow CE Primary School
- Christ Church CE Primary School
- Sankey Valley St James' CE Primary School

**These four schools will only require the Local Authority application form to be completed.**

#### Academy/Faith school nurseries

At nurseries attached to the remaining faith schools with nursery classes the allocation of places is agreed by the governing body in accordance with the school's oversubscription criteria details on pages 8 to 13. Parents are advised that they should complete the school's supplementary form as well as the Local Authority application form.

#### Children's Centre's

Some of the schools with nursery classes offer onsite childcare provision to support the early education place. Full day care services are for children from six months old up to school age and it is available at the following settings.

- Brook Acre Community Primary School with Birch Grove Nursery (Tel 01925 880058)
- Sandy Lane Nursery School with The Lakes Nursery (Tel 01925 642812)
- Beamont Community Primary School with Kids Planet Nursery (Tel 01925 630879)

#### Private providers

The Local Authority also offers funding to provide free nursery education places in pre-schools, nurseries and with childminders. These can be open term-time only or all-year-round or even a mixture of both. In addition some pre-school playgroups are based within schools, run by schools and there are also a small number of private and voluntary managed organisations offering provision on school sites.

For a list of these providers and advice and guidance on the type of place to best suit your child's needs please contact the Families' information Service on 01925 443234 or alternatively email [FIS@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:FIS@warrington.gov.uk)

## Obtaining more information about individual schools

- **Visit the schools/nurseries**

It is a good idea to visit the nurseries you are interested in before deciding which one you prefer your child to attend.

- **School prospectus/school websites**

The governors of each school publish a prospectus that provides information about their school. The prospectus is available from the school or is available to download from the schools website.

- **Ofsted inspection reports**

Summaries of inspections carried out by inspectors on behalf of the Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED) are available in schools. Headteachers will provide information on the action plans which address issues raised by OFSTED reports. OFSTED reports can be viewed on [www.reports.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.reports.ofsted.gov.uk)

- **School performance tables**

Copies of the published School Achievement and Attainment Tables for Warrington primary schools may be inspected in local libraries or are obtainable from the Department for Education by telephoning 0800 242322 or online at [www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables](http://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables)

## Contact details for all maintained nurseries

Name of school	Type of School	Number of part time places	Tel Number	Head Teacher/Principal
Alderman Bolton Community Primary School Longdin Street, Warrington, WA4 1PW	Community	60 + 24 2 yr old places	01925 633262	Mrs P Warding
Beamont Community Primary School O'Leary Street, Warrington, WA2 7RQ	Community	60	01925 630143	Mrs K Morris
Bewsey Lodge Community Primary School Lodge Lane, Bewsey, Warrington, WA5 0AG	Community	60 + 24 2 yr old places	01925 632730	Mrs E Wright
Birchwood CE Primary School Admirals Road, Birchwood Warrington, WA3 6QG	Faith*	52 + 16 x 2 yr old places	01925 823316	Mr J Owen
Brook Acre Community Primary School Hilden Road, Warrington, WA2 0JP	Community	40	01925 815827	Miss J Holmes
Bruche Primary School Seymour Drive Padgate, Warrington, WA1 3TT	Academy	52 + 8 x 2 yr old places	01925 815772	Mr C Jones
Christ Church CE Primary School Station Road, Padgate, Warrington, WA2 0QJ	Faith*	40	01925 492422	Mr I Williams
Cinnamon Brow CE Primary School Perth Close, Fearnhead, Warrington, WA2 0SF	Faith*	60	01925 821108	Mrs T Beatty
Dallam Community Primary School Boulting Avenue, Dallam, Warrington, WA5 0JG	Community	52 + 16 2 yr old places	01925 633927	Mrs LAtkin
Evelyn Street Primary School Evelyn Street, Warrington, WA5 1BD	Academy	52 + 8 x 2 yr old places	01925 495567	Mrs J Hindley
Glazebury CE Primary School Warrington Road, Glazebury, Warrington, WA3 5LZ	Faith	26 + 8 2 yr places	01925 763234	Mrs K Mowbray
Grappenhall Heys Community Primary School Stansfield Drive, Grappenhall Heys, Warrington, WA4 3EA	Community	52	01925 212540	Mrs K Jackson
Great Sankey Primary School Liverpool Road, Great Sankey, Warrington, WA5 1SB	Academy	52	01925 728176	Mrs V Briggs
Latchford St James CE Primary School Old Road, Warrington, WA4 1AP	Faith	52	01925 634967	Mr M Flute
Meadowside Community Primary School Clough Avenue, Warrington, WA2 9PH	Community	40 + 6 x 2 yr old places	01925 632705	Mr S Wright

Name of school	Type of School	Number of part time places	Tel Number	Head Teacher/Principal
Oakwood Avenue Community Primary School Oakwood Avenue, Warrington, WA1 3SZ	Community	78 + 16 2 yr old places	01925 635565	Mr G Cunningham
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Wash Lane, Latchford, Warrington, WA4 1JD	Faith	52	01925 633270	Mrs A Emerton
Penketh South Community Primary School Finlay Avenue, Penketh, Warrington, WA5 2PN	Community	52 +24 x 2 yr old places	01925 726558	Mrs A Grace
Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School Sandy Lane, Orford, Warrington, WA2 9HY	Community	80 (+16 SEN) + 8 2 yr old funding	01925 623640	Mrs J Wilkie
Sankey Valley St James CE Primary School Dorchester Road, Great Sankey, Warrington, WA5 1XE	Faith*	52 + 8 x 2 yr old places	01925 659307	Mrs D Feltham
St Alban's Catholic Primary School Bewsey Road, Warrington, WA5 0JS	Faith	40 + 8 x 2 yr old places	01925 632128	Mrs F Curless
St Augustine's Catholic Primary School Henshall Avenue, Latchford, Warrington, WA4 1PY	Faith	30	01925 633317	Mrs A Towey
St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Quebec Road, Warrington, WA2 7SB	Faith	52	01925 234699	Mr L Anderson
St Elphin's CE Aided Primary School Farrell Street, Warrington, WA1 2GN	Faith	52	01925 635143	Mrs A Bancroft
St Margaret's CE Aided Primary School School Road, Orford, Warrington, WA2 9AD	Faith	60	01925 634207	Mr C Metcalfe
St Thomas CE Aided Primary School Padgate Road, Stockton Heath, Warrington, WA4 2AP	Faith	52	01925 268722	Mr I Moss
The Cobbs Infant and Nursery School Wood Lane, Appleton, Warrington, WA4 3DB	Community	104 + 16 x 2 yr old places	01925 264616	Mrs L Glass
Warrington St Ann's CE Primary School Lathom Avenue, Warrington, WA2 8AL	Faith	40 + 8 x 2 yr old places	01925 632210	Mrs K Keen
Warrington St Barnabas CE Primary Collin Street, Warrington, WA5 1TG	Faith	40 + 8 x 2 yr old places	01925 633606	Miss J Hodgkinson
*These Faith schools have nursery classes which are maintained by the Local Authority and the allocation of places is based on community oversubscription criteria as detailed on page 7.				

# Oversubscription criteria

## All community nurseries

This criteria is used by the following nurseries :

Alderman Bolton	Beamont	Bewsey Lodge	Birchwood CE
Brook Acre	Cinnamon Brow CE	Christ Church CE	Dallam
Grappenhall Heys	Great Sankey	Meadowside	Oakwood Avenue
Penketh South	Sandy Lane	Sankey Valley St James CE	The Cobbs

### Oversubscription criteria

a copy of the full policy is available on our website [www.warrington.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/admissions)

1. Children in care and children formerly in care\*
2. Children with special educational needs as defined by the Children's Act 1989 or the Education Act 1996.
3. Children with exceptional personal or domestic circumstances presented by the parents which justify, in the Council's view, priority for nursery education
4. Children resident in the borough of Warrington who currently attend the preferred nursery as part of the two year old programme.
5. Children resident in the Borough of Warrington who currently attend a Children's Centre Nursery linked to the preferred school\*\*
6. Children resident in the Borough of Warrington
7. Children resident outside the Borough of Warrington

\* formerly in care is defined as children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order.

\*\* See page 3 for details of children's centre nurseries

If there are insufficient places to accommodate all the children in one of the categories detailed above priority is given to children living nearest the school. This is defined as children living nearest to the school measured as a direct distance from the child's permanent place of residence to the school measured using a Geographical Information Address Point System based on the local land and property gazetteer. This measures straight line distances from the address point of the permanent place of residence to the address point of the school.

## **Bruche Primary School**

### Oversubscription criteria

(The full policy is available from the school)

1. Children in care and children formerly in care\*
2. Children with special educational needs as defined by the Children's Act 1989 or the Education Act 1996.
3. Children with exceptional personal or domestic circumstances presented by the parents which justify, in the Academy Trust's view, priority for nursery education.
4. Children resident in the Borough of Warrington who currently attend the preferred nursery as part of the two year old programme.
5. Children resident in the Borough of Warrington who currently attend a Children's Centre Nursery linked to the preferred school.
6. Children resident in the Borough of Warrington.
7. Children resident outside the Borough of Warrington.

## **Evelyn Street Primary**

### Oversubscription criteria

(The full policy is available from the school)

1. Children in care and children formerly in care\*
2. Children with special educational needs as defined by the Children's Act 1989 or the Education Act 1996.
3. Children with exceptional personal or domestic circumstances presented by the parents which justify, in the Academy Trust's view, priority for nursery education.
4. Children resident in the Borough of Warrington who currently attend the preferred nursery as part of the two year old programme.
5. Children resident in the Borough of Warrington who currently attend a Children's Centre Nursery linked to the preferred school.
6. Children resident in the Borough of Warrington.
7. Children resident outside the Borough of Warrington.

## **Great Sankey Primary**

### Oversubscription criteria

(The full policy is available from the school)

1. Children in care and children formerly in care\*
2. Children with special educational needs as defined by the Children's Act 1989 or the Education Act 1996.
3. Children with exceptional personal or domestic circumstances presented by the parents which justify, in the Academy Trust's view, priority for nursery education.
4. Children resident in the Borough of Warrington who currently attend the preferred nursery as part of the two year old programme.
5. Children resident in the Borough of Warrington who currently attend a Children's Centre Nursery linked to the preferred school.
6. Children resident in the Borough of Warrington.
7. Children resident outside the Borough of Warrington.

## **Glazebury CE Primary**

### Oversubscription criteria

(The full policy is available from the school)

1. A 'Child in Care' or a child who was previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or become subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order).
2. The child has a brother or sister already attending the school and expected to continue at the school during the following year. This includes full, half or step brothers and sisters and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit.
3. For three year old places-children who currently attend Glazebury CE Primary as a 2 year old.
4. Children whose families are regularly involved in the life and worship of All Saints Church, Glazebury (ie: at least twice a month). Applicants will need to submit a written reference from their incumbent as confirmation of their commitment.
5. A child who regularly worships at another church. (ie: at least twice a month). Applicants will need to submit a written reference from their incumbent as confirmation of their commitment.
6. Children with social or medical needs who in view of the Governors would benefit from a place at the school. Supporting letters/documentation is required from Medical Specialists or Social Workers to be submitted with their application form.
7. Any other children.

## **Latchford St James' CE Primary School**

### Oversubscription criteria

(The full policy is available from the school)

1. Looked after Children (children in the care of the local authority)
2. Children whose parents regularly worship at St James' with St Hilda's Parish Church and whose names are entered on the Church Electoral Roll or who can provide a written reference.
3. Children whose parents or carers are members of any church which is a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. Applicants must submit a written reference from their Minister as confirmation of their commitment.
4. Children with a brother or sister attending the school and expecting to continue at the school in the following year. This includes, full, half or step brothers and sisters and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit.
5. Children resident within the ecclesiastical Parish of St James with St Hilda. A map of the parish is available for inspection in the school office.
6. Children who have special needs on Social, Medical or other religious grounds (supporting letters from Social Worker, Medical Specialist or Minister of Religion are required and should be included, in a sealed envelope, with the completed application form)
7. Children resident outside the Parish.
  - a) 'Resident' refers to the child's permanent home at the proposed date of admission.
  - b) When deciding between candidates who have equal entitlement under the above criteria, the governors will have regard to pupils living nearest the school defined 'as the crow flies' measured using a Geographical Information Address Point System based on Ordnance Survey.

## **Our Lady's Catholic Primary School**

### Oversubscription criteria

(The full policy is available from the school)

1. Baptised Catholic looked after children.
2. Baptised Catholic children from the parish of Blessed John Henry Newman, living in the catchment area of the school (map available in school).
3. Baptised Catholic children who have a brother or sister in the primary school at the time of admission. This includes full, half or step brothers and sisters, and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit.
4. Other baptised Catholic children.
5. Looked after children who are non-Catholic.
6. Non-Catholic children who have a brother or sister in the primary school at the time of admission. This includes full, half or step brothers and sisters, and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit.
7. Children who are baptised in other Christian denominations.
8. Children of other faiths.
9. Non-Catholic children whose parents wish them to have a Catholic education.

### **St Alban's Catholic Primary School**

Oversubscription criteria

(The full policy is available from the school)

1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children
2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of Sacred Heart & St Alban (the part of the parish formerly known as St Alban).
4. Other baptised Catholic children.
5. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
6. Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
7. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith group.
8. Other children.

### **St Augustine's Catholic Primary School**

Oversubscription criteria

(The full policy is available from the school)

1. Baptised Catholic looked after Children.
2. Baptised Catholic children from the parish of Blessed John Henry Newman, living in the catchment area of the school (map available in school).
3. Baptised Catholic children who have a brother or sister in the primary school at the time of admission. This includes full, half or step brothers and sisters, and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit.
4. Other baptised Catholic children.
5. Looked after children who are other than Catholic.
6. Children who are other than Catholic who have a brother or sister in the school at the time of admission. This includes full, half or step brothers and sisters, and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit.
7. Children who are baptised in other Christian denominations.
8. Children of other faiths.
9. Children who are other than Catholic, whose parents wish them to have a Catholic education.

### **St Benedict's Catholic Primary School**

Oversubscription criteria

(The full policy is available from the school)

1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children
2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of St Benedict and St Mary.
4. Other Baptised Catholic children.
5. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
6. Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
7. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith group.
8. Other children.

### **St Elphin's CE Primary School**

### Oversubscription criteria

(The full policy is available from the school)

1. Children in public Care (Looked after children)
2. Baptised children whose parents are actual communicant members of the Church of England and attend St Elphin's Parish Church.
3. Siblings (pupils with elder brothers and/or sisters already attending St Elphin's (Fairfield) Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, who are in YR (Reception Class) to Y5 at the time of application. This includes full, half or step brothers and sisters and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit.
4. Children for whom advice from a medical practitioner or psychologist has been provided by the parents in support of the admission to St Elphin's (Fairfield) Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, which in the Governors view, justifies admission to the preferred school.
5. Baptised children living within the ecclesiastical parish of St Elphin, Warrington at the date of application. A map showing the parish boundaries can be inspected at the school.
6. Other children.

### **St Margaret's CE Primary**

#### Oversubscription criteria

(The full policy is available from the school)

1. Baptised Children in Care whose parents can demonstrate an attachment to the church through regular attendance at church services over a two year period. A reference from the parish priest or another minister must be provided by the parent.
2. Children in Care.
3. Children whose parents can demonstrate an attachment to the church through regular attendance at church services over a two year period. A reference from the parish priest or another minister must be provided by the parent.
4. Children who have a sibling (this includes full, half or step brothers and sisters and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit) already attending the school and expected to continue at the school in the following year.
5. Children resident in the parish of St Margaret's and All Hallows.
6. Children resident outside the above parish.

### **St Thomas' CE Primary**

#### Oversubscription criteria

(The full policy is available from the school)

1. Children in Care or children formerly in care who have ceased to be so because they have been adopted or become subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order.
2. Children whose parents are involved in the work and worship of St Thomas' Parish Church or the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Appleton or worship at another church, recognised by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.
3. Siblings (children with elder brothers and/or sisters already attending St Thomas' school, who are in Reception Class to Year 5 at the time of application). Siblings include full, half or step brothers and sisters and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit, and full brothers and sisters who are living apart.
  1. Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.
  2. Children living within the bounds of the ecclesiastical parish of the school. A map is available in school.

### **Warrington St Ann's CE Primary**

Oversubscription criteria

(The full policy is available from the school)

1. Children in public Care
2. Children whose parents or carers want their children to attend a denominational school as a matter of religious conviction, for which the Governors will require at least one parent to provide evidence of regular worship (i.e. on average twice a month) in a Warrington Church that fulfils national Churches Together in Britain and Ireland criteria, such evidence to be in the form of a letter from a Minister at that Church.
3. Children living within the parish of St Ann's who have a brother or sister already attending the school at the time of admission.
4. Children from outside the parish who have a brother or sister already attending the school at the time of admission.
5. Children living in the parish of St Ann's Church.
6. Other children.

### **Warrington St Barnabas CE Primary**

Oversubscription criteria

(The full policy is available from the school)

1. Children in Care
2. Children whose parents have chosen a Christian Ethos for the education of their children and regularly worship at St Barnabas Church.
3. Children who have a brother or sister in the school in the year of admission.
4. Children whose parents live within the parish of St Barnabas, and for whom this is their nearest church.
6. All other children.

## **To apply for a place at a maintained nursery**

### **The application process**

Application forms for maintained nursery schools or classes are available to download at

Attendance at a nursery class attached to a primary school does not guarantee a place at that primary school

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/admissions> or alternatively a copy can be obtained from any Warrington primary schools. Only one application per child should be made.

If you wish to apply for a place at an independent, private or voluntary provider please contact the Families' Information Service on 01925 443234 for further advice.

### **Closing date for applications**

The completed form should be returned to the headteacher of the nursery school/class of your first preference by 2 March 2018. Any forms received after this date will be considered as a late application and will normally only be processed after all applications which were received on time.

### **Notification of allocation of a place**

Parents/carers will be informed by the school of their first preference whether a place is available by the end of April 2018. The session allocated may be confirmed at a later date.

Where a first preference cannot be met the application will be referred to the Local Authority for other preferences to be considered.

For parents/carers seeking an earlier admission to nursery the allocation of a place will not be made until after the end of September 2018.

## **Early Years Admission to registered Nursery providers in Warrington**

The Local Authority is able to fund Early Education Funding (EEF) places for all three and four year olds not attending a school reception class and some two year olds. The places are available for 15 hours per week

over 38 weeks and parents can choose to have this funded place in a school nursery class, at a school nursery, pre-school, private nursery, or a childminder who is registered with the Local Authority, subject to availability.

In addition working parents of three and four year olds not in reception class and who meet set criteria can access up to 15 extended hours per week giving a total of up to 30 hours of funding per week over 38 weeks.

To apply

- Check that the provider is registered to offer EEF places
- If they are registered, you will be asked to sign a form agreeing to accept a place for your child, complete this form promptly and return it to your provider. Late claims may result in non-payment of the funding.
- The provider will be paid direct by the Local Authority for this place.

A full list of providers is available from the Families Information Service on 01925 443234 or [fis@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warrington.gov.uk)

### **Universal 3 & 4 year old funded early education**

Three and four year olds are entitled to 15 hours of early education over a minimum of 38 weeks to a maximum of 570 hours over a year. This applies until they reach compulsory school age (the term following their fifth birthday).

This funding is payable to all 3 and 4 year old children regardless of parental income, from the term after the child's third birthday.

To access this funding your childcare provider must be registered to deliver the early years education.

The funded places can be accessed at nursery classes/schools, private nurseries, playgroups, pre-schools or with a childminder. The level of flexibility that is offered will depend on a provider's individual circumstances.

### **30 Hours extended entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds**

The majority of working parents of three and four year olds will be eligible for an additional 15 hours of childcare per week. You may have seen or heard it referred to as 30 hours free childcare.

The eligibility criteria are as follows;

- Both parents are working (or sole parent is working in a lone parent family) and each parent earns a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours of national living wage, and less than £100,000 per year.

**Working will include employed and self-employed people. Parents do not necessarily have to actually work 16 hours a week, but their earnings must reflect a least 16 hours of work at the national living wage. This includes parents on zero contract hours who meet the criteria.**

- Both parents are employed but one or both parents is temporarily away from the workplace on parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave
  - Both parents are employed but one or both parents is temporarily away from the workplace on statutory sick pay
  - One parent is employed and the other parent has substantial caring responsibilities based on specific benefits received for caring

- One parent is employed and one parent is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits

You can find further information and advice on the new childcare choices website

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> Child choices brings together all government childcare offers in one place for the first time. The new childcare choices website makes it easy to find out what's on offer. Use the Childcare Calculator at [www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator) to see what offers are available to support you and your family.

If you are still having problems finding out your eligibility, you can contact Childcare Service Customer Interaction Service on 0300 123 4097.

## 2 Year funding

Children may be eligible for a funded place from the term after their second birthday.

Families need to meet one or more of the following criteria:-

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance(ESA)
- Universal Credit
- Tax Credits and you have an annual income under £16,190 before tax
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Support through part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act
- The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- They are looked after by a Local Council
- They have a current Statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care Plan
- They get disability Living Allowance
- They have left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order

Additional criteria :

- Children are also eligible if they or their family are receiving support or services from Targeted Services social work teams
- A professional who is working with a family can also nominate a child who requires additional support with their development in areas including speech and language, physical development, behavioural/emotional issues or developmental delay.

To check eligibility for 2 year funding :-

3. Go to <https://www.mylifewarrington.co.uk>  
OR
4. Contact the Early Education Funding Team on 01925 443234, who will be able to assist you in checking your eligibility.
5. If you need advice about the type of provision best suited to your individual needs or help in finding registered provision, contact the Families Information Service on 01925 443234.