



MERRYLANDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Merrylands Nursery Admission Policy

Admissions Policy

The Merrylands Nursery offers 15 hours per week of Free Entitlement funding during term time for all 3 and 4 year old children starting the term after their 3rd birthday. This is offered as 5 x 3 hour sessions per week as 5 x morning sessions or 5 x afternoon sessions. In addition, we also offer places for children eligible for 30 hours funding. This will be delivered as 5 morning sessions and 5 afternoon sessions (including lunch time). **Please note once you have accepted the sessions offered to your child these cannot be changed.**

- morning sessions - 8:30 am to 11:30 am
(15 hours funded for 3-4 year olds)
- afternoon sessions - 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm
(15 hours funded for 3-4 year olds)
- full time - 8.30 am to 3.30 pm
(30 hours funded for eligible 3-4 year olds with a free lunch session). A school lunch will not be provided therefore children will be required to bring a packed lunch.

If you require further information regarding the eligibility criteria please contact the school or look at the Essex information site for EYFS funding (www.essex.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs).

Criteria for Admission to the Nursery

The Merrylands Nursery is a 52 place Nursery based on 2 sessions per day: 26 children in the morning and 26 children in the afternoon. The Government funds children for 15/30 hours per week. A place in Merrylands Nursery will be offered according to the following criteria in order of priority:

1. children in the care of a Local Authority (looked after children)
2. children who have an elder sibling currently attending Merrylands Primary School in the September of the year of their admission
3. the position of the child's home address in relation to the school. The position has no expectation of an automatic place in Reception. We will consider the waiting list as additional criteria for those who are not within the locality

Once your application has been processed, you will receive a letter from Merrylands Nursery informing you if a place is available. If a place is not available you will be added to the waiting list.