



MERRYLANDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Merrylands Nursery Admission Policy

Nursery Provision

The Nursery at Merrylands Primary School offers early years provision during term time in line with local authority funding entitlements.

We provide:

- 2-year-olds:
 - Up to 15 hours per week for eligible children
- 3- and 4-year-olds:
 - 15 hours universal entitlement for all children
 - 30 hours extended entitlement for eligible working families

Provision is delivered as:

- Morning sessions: 8:30 am – 11:30 am
- Afternoon sessions: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- Full-time (30 hours): 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Full-time provision is delivered across both morning and afternoon sessions each day. Children attending full-time will be required to bring a packed lunch, as school meals are not provided.

Once sessions have been accepted, changes will not normally be permitted.

For further information about eligibility criteria, please contact the school or visit:
www.essex.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs

Admissions Criteria

Places at Merrylands Nursery are allocated in accordance with the following criteria, listed in order of priority:

1. Children in the care of a Local Authority (looked-after children)
2. Children with an older sibling attending Merrylands Primary School at the time of admission
3. Proximity of the child's home address to the school

Important Information

- Attendance at Merrylands Nursery does not guarantee a place in the Reception class.
- Applications are considered in line with the admissions criteria at the time places become available.
- If a place cannot be offered, the child's name will be added to a waiting list.
- The waiting list will be maintained in accordance with the admissions criteria, and places will be offered as they become available.
- The Nursery operates morning and afternoon sessions each day. Funded hours must be taken in accordance with the session structure offered by the school.