

## **CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE NURSERY AT PRIORY RISE SCHOOL**

### **Defined area**

The defined area for the nursery is the same as the school with a core area of South Kingsmead and Tattenhoe Park and a second priority area of North Kingsmead and Tattenhoe. However, if there are vacancies in the nursery then children living outside these areas will be admitted.

### **Admission**

The normal admission point will be September each year. Priority will be given to children who will be four during that school year.

Where there are vacant places these will be allocated during the year to eligible children in line with the criteria shown above.

Where the number of applicants exceeds the number of available places during the year priority will be given to older children, allocating places in date of birth order within the cohort.

Younger children will be admitted in the term following their third birthday if there are vacancies during the year.

### **Oversubscription Criteria**

Children who have a statement of special educational needs will be given priority for admission to the nursery.

If the nursery is oversubscribed places will be allocated in line with the following criteria.

1. Children in care.
2. Children who live in the defined area or the area normally served by the school shown above. Parents may be asked to provide proof of residence.
3. Children with exceptional needs:
  - a) Medical
  - b) Social

whose parents can demonstrate that attendance at the nursery class is necessary for their child. This should be supported by written evidence or strongly supported by an appropriate professional.

4. Children with siblings in attendance at the nursery or at the school, although the latter does not give any guarantee of a place at the school when the child is eligible for admission. Parents must apply for a place at the appropriate time.
5. Children from any part of Milton Keynes or from outside the authority.

In the event of oversubscription, once places have been allocated under the criteria above, the remaining places will be allocated according to children living nearest to the school as measured by the nearest available route. This is from the front door of the child's home to the school's main entrance and will be measured by the shortest walking route using the local authority's computerised measuring system.

There is no right to appeal if it is not possible to offer a place in the nursery. The school will hold a waiting list and parents must confirm with the school that they wish their child's name to be put on the waiting list.

Please note: Attendance at the nursery does not give priority for admission to the school.