



Bruche Primary School Academy

Nursery Admissions full Policy for Nursery intake September 2025

Bruche Primary School is an academy and is part of the Warrington Primary Academy Trust. The Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. For the school's year commencing September 2025, the Governing Body has set its Nursery admissions number at 52.

The school asks all parents applying for a place here to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community.

Admissions to school will be determined by the Governing Body. If you wish to have your application considered you should complete the Nursery Admission Form which is available from the school. All preferences listed will be considered on an equal basis and, where there are more applications than the number of places available, the following set of Oversubscription criteria will be applied:

Oversubscription criteria

1. Children in care and children formerly in care*
2. Siblings (pupils with elder brothers or sisters already attending the preferred school and expected to continue at the school in the following school 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. Children resident in the Borough of Warrington who currently attend the preferred nursery as part of the two-year-old programme.
4. Date application received by Bruche Primary School.
5. Pupils for whom advice from a medical practitioner or psychologist has been provided by the parents/carers at the time of application in support of admission to a particular school, which, in the council's view, justifies admission to the preferred school. The council, if it is considered appropriate, will seek the views of the school medical officer or educational psychologist in the event of parents requesting admission on medical or psychological grounds.
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.

Notes

- a. All applications will be considered at the same time after the closing date. Any applications received after this date will be treated as late applications and will not be considered until after the main application of places has taken place.
- b. A Looked After Child is a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their Social Services functions (under section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989. A previously Looked After Child is one who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
- c. Home Address is considered to be the address where the child normally lives. Where care is split and a child moves between two addresses, the household in receipt of the child benefit would normally be the address used but the admission body reserve the right to request other proofs as fit the individual circumstance. Applicants should not state a childminder's or other relative's address.
- d. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as full, half or step brothers and sisters, adopted and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit. This does not include cousins or other family relationships.
- e. A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admission Criteria. The waiting list does not consider the date the application was received or the length of time a child's name has been on the waiting list. This means that a child's position on the list may change if another applicant is refused a place and their child has higher priority in the admissions criteria. The waiting list will be retained until the end of the relevant academic year of the admissions process. If there are more applicants than places in criteria 1 - 6, a tiebreaker will be applied to all applications remaining within the criteria. Priority will be given to applicants who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission followed by the applications received in date order, starting with the earliest applications.
- f. For 'In Year' applications received outside the normal admissions round, if places are available they will be offered to those who apply. If there are places available but more applicants than places then the published oversubscription criteria will be applied.
- g. Where the Governing Body discovers that a child has been awarded a place as the result of an intentionally misleading application from a parent (for example a false claim on a sibling at school), which effectively denies a place to a child with a stronger claim, then the Governing Body is required to withdraw the place. The application will be considered afresh and a right of appeal offered if a place is refused.