

Homerswood Primary & Nursery School Admissions Criteria Nursery 2022

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs which names the school will be allocated a place in accordance with section 324 of the Education Act 1996. ***Schools must also admit children with an EHC (Education, Health and Care) Plan that names the school if places are available.***

We are currently offering twenty six 15 hour places in our Nursery. However, if there are not enough places available, places will be allocated in the following order of priority:

- a) Children ***looked after*** and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or a special guardianship order).
- b) a child 'at risk' (or the sibling of a child 'at risk') who is the subject of an inter-agency child protection plan.
- c) other applicants where the following criteria are considered to determine priorities:
 - 1) Children for whom it can be demonstrated that they have a particular medical or social need to go to this school.
 - 2) Children who have a sibling at the school at the time of application, unless the sibling is in Year 6.
 - 3) Full time place
 - 4) Part time place

Nursery provision is tailored to children aged three to four. We would not consider an application for a delay into Nursery, but these will be considered if your child comes under SEN, Children Looked After, or Child at Risk as above.

If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, a tiebreak will be used by applying the next rule to those children. If more children qualify under criterion 2 than there are places available, priority will be given to those who live nearest to the nursery as measured in a straight line. Where there is a need for a tie-breaker where two different addresses measure the same distance from a school, in the case of a block of flats for example, the lower door number will be deemed nearest as logically this will be on the ground floor and therefore closer. If there are two identical addresses of separate applicants, the tie break will be random.

The same definitions apply as outlined in the explanatory notes in the county council's schemes of coordination.

Continuing Interest

After places have been offered, the school will maintain a continuing interest (waiting) list. A child's position on the CI list will be determined by the admission criteria outlined above and a child's place on the list can change as other children join or leave it. The school will contact parents/carers if a vacancy becomes available and can be offered to a child.

Fair Access

Community and voluntary controlled schools will admit children under the Fair Access Protocol before those on continuing interest, and over the Published Admission Number (PAN) if required.