



Seaton Sluice First School

Admission Criteria for Nursery

Children will be admitted in the nursery class usually for 15 hours per week, no earlier than the term following the child's third birthday. There are three termly admissions – September, January and April, although these are subject to change should numbers rise or fall. Application forms are available from the school. All applications will be considered together at the beginning of each term. Where the demand for places exceeds the number available, places will be offered by applying the following criteria in decreasing order of merit:

Pupils who are age three prior to the academic term in question and

- (i) Looked after children who are in the care of the local authority
- (ii) Those who have sibling/s already attending Seaton Sluice First School
- (iii) Those living within the catchment area of the school of Seaton Sluice First School
- (iv) Pupils on whose behalf evidence of exceptional medical or social need is presented
- (v) Those within the catchment area of Seaton Valley Partnership schools
- (vi) Any other applications will be considered where vacancies exist, on a first come first served basis.

Staggered Intake

The governing body recognise that a well-structured and supportive transition in to school is paramount to children's emotional wellbeing. In order to ensure a smooth transition this school operates a staggered/reduced hours intake. The rationale behind when each child starts will be unique with consideration given to previous childcare, emotional development, number of hours attending.

We operate this arrangement in the best interests of the children. If this does not meet your current needs please consider carefully before applying for/accepting a place.

Attendance & Engagement

We request that parents of the children in our Nursery comply with our expectations for children who are statutory school age. This includes engaging with us to support their child's learning, attending on time every day (Monday to Friday each week) unless they are too unwell to be in school. If this is not the case, the offer of a Nursery place may be withdrawn either before the start of term or during term time.

Deferment

Nursery education is not statutory but we offer it as we strongly believe that it provides the foundation for all future learning and builds on children's early experiences.

If it is the case that a child is struggling in the Nursery and demonstrates that they are not yet ready to get the most out of this experience, we may suggest deferring entry to the Nursery until a point when the issues have been resolved or adaptations have been made.

Right of appeal

Please be advised that there is no right of appeal for parents refused a place in a Nursery class.

Date: January 2019

Review date: January 2021

If a nursery place is offered the following conditions will apply:

There is no statutory right to a nursery place. If places are over subscribed, the school will apply its own admissions criteria to determine which children to admit. If a child cannot be offered a place, there is no right of appeal against that decision.

A child will complete the nursery course and remain in nursery class until he/she is eligible to transfer to full-time provision in a first school. This requirement may be waived if, for example, parents move house and it is no longer reasonable for a child to continue to attend this nursery class

The time for transfer from a nursery to a first school is at the beginning of the Autumn Term if the child is four by 31 August. In exceptional circumstances, transfer from Reception may be delayed to the beginning of the Spring Term by mutual agreement with the Head teacher of the nursery.

Children resident outside the catchment area of the First School to which the nursery unit is attached will be expected to transfer to the appropriate First School on completion of the nursery course.

Once a child is admitted to nursery class/school regular attendance is expected.

Signature of parent

Date

NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland County Council

Director of Education, Education Department
County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF

Northumberland County Council Education Committee Application for a Place at Nursery Class/School

A child cannot be considered for admission until the term following his/her third birthday and a place will often not be available until the September following his/her third birthday.

ON COMPLETION OF THIS FORM PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE HEAD TEACHER OF THE NURSERY

Name of Nursery Class/School _____

Name of Child _____

Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

Post Code _____

Home/Work Tel Number _____

Parents Mother Father

Name _____

Occupation _____

Other children at home
(give names and ages) _____

Medical Practice (inc Tel) _____

Please give reasons for wanting child to attend nursery _____

Please give details of any attendance at a playgroup, mother and toddler group, Sure Start etc.

IMPORTANT: Please turn over for details of conditions relating to nursery places