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PRE-SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

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Admissions Policy

The Prince of Wales Pre-school offers Pre-school provision to the community mainly living within the catchment of The Prince of Wales School. It is therefore expected that those attending will go on to the Reception Class at the main school.

However, a place at the Pre-school is no guarantee of a place at the main school and likewise a place at the main school is in no way reliant on a child attending the Pre-school.

The Pre-school runs an Admissions Policy which therefore gives preference to those in the community it serves.

Pre-school can admit your child from two years and nine months.

PLEASE NOTE -

- **You cannot use a relative or grandparents address, it must be the child's permanent resident address.**
- **If found that a relative's address has been used on an application form your place will be withdrawn.**
- **On the offer of a place you may be asked to provide proof of address.**

Places will be offered in the following way from those children on the waiting list:

1. Where there are places available for all those on the waiting list, all children will be offered a place.
2. Where too few places are available for all those on the waiting list places will be allocated to the following priority order:
 - i) Children with an Educational Health Care Plan, where the Pre-School is able to meet the identified needs.
 - ii) Children who are classified as “looked after” by the local authority.
 - iii) Children living within the school catchment area and have a sibling attending either the Pre-school or the main school at the time of allocation of places.



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(Allocation is deemed to be March/April each year).

- iv) Children living within the school's catchment area.
 - v) Admission for permanent staff members' child(ren).
 - vi) Children living outside the school's catchment area who have a sibling attending either the Pre-school or main school at the time of allocation.
 - vii) Children living outside the school's catchment area.
3. If too few places are available within any of the priority order categories above, places will be allocated on the child's closeness to the Pre-school (defined by straight line measurement).