



Great Bradfords Infant & Nursery School

**Admissions Policy for Nursery  
2025-2026**

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# Great Bradfords

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

### **Nursery Admission Policy 2025-26**

Nursery places are available to children from the term following their third birthday until they start reception. Nursery places are offered in the July before the beginning of the academic year in which the child turns three.

Applications for nursery places should be made direct to the school and submitted by the closing date for applications (31<sup>st</sup> May 2025). Nursery places are allocated using the criteria set out below. Nursery attendance does not guarantee admission to the Reception class. An online application must be made for a place in the Reception class via Essex County Council.

Great Bradfords Infant and Nursery School offers a minimum 15 hours weekly provision and therefore is unable to offer Extended Entitlement for working parents unless your child is already claiming their Free 15 hour Entitlement within our setting.

Nursery places available: 38 for each session.

Each term the admission criteria are:

1. Those applied within the registration window (1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> May) for the following academic year.
2. Looked after children and those with an EHCP.
3. Siblings attending the infant or junior school at the time of starting nursery.
4. Distance from the school.
5. Other.

Late entries will be prioritised according to points 2-5 above and will be subject to availability.

### **Key Definitions**

**Looked after Children:** A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order will be given first priority in oversubscription criteria ahead of all other applicants in accordance with the School Admissions Code 2012. 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 (as defined in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

**Children with Education and Health Care Plans:** Children with EHCPs that name the school on the plan are required to be admitted to a school regardless of their place in the priority order.