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Nursery Admissions Policy

The admissions policy for Gosforth Park First School Nursery is as follows:

1. Children who are currently looked after by a local authority (in care) in the UK, children who were previously looked after by a local authority in the UK or who appear to the admissions authority to have been in a state care outside of the UK, and immediately afterwards became subject to an adoption, residence (child arrangements) order or special guardianship order. Evidence of the appropriate order must be submitted before the closing date for applications.
2. Children with a brother or sister (a sibling) who will be on roll at the school on the date that the child will be admitted in September 2026. Sibling can be a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent or carer's partner, as long as the children live at the same address.
3. Children with an exceptional medical reason that means they can only attend the specific school (for example, where the child or one or both parents has a disability that means that the child can only attend this school). Strong supporting evidence must be provided from a healthcare professional who is independent of both the family and the school. The evidence must relate specifically to this school and must clearly demonstrate why it is the only school that can meet the child's needs.
4. Priority will be given in the oversubscription criteria to children of staff in both of the following circumstances: a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made and b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
5. Children living nearest to the school as measured in a straight line distance from the school to the home address of the child.

Nursery Application forms for places in September 2026 will be available on the school website and from the office from Friday 9th January 2026. The closing date for applications is 27th March 2026 at noon. Offer letters will be emailed out on Wednesday 1st April 2026. The deadline for accepting a place is Friday 24th April 2026.

If you are not offered a place, the nursery will keep a waiting list. If a place becomes available, the place will be offered to the applicant who ranks highest on the waiting list according to the published admissions criteria. **Please note that nursery admission does not automatically guarantee a place in our Reception Year.**

It should be noted that an offer of a place may be withdrawn if information supplied by you on your application is intentionally misleading or fraudulent.