

Admissions

EYFS: 3.28 – 3.31, 3.55, 3.58

At **Little Fingers Pre-school** we care for children between the ages of **2 and 5 years of age**.

The numbers and ages of children admitted to the pre-school comply with the legal space requirements set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). When considering admissions, we are mindful of staff: child ratios and the facilities available at the pre-school.

The pre-school use the following admission criteria, which is applied in the following order of priority:

1. Looked after children
2. A child known by the local authority to have special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND) and whose needs can be best met at the preferred pre-school
3. A vulnerable child with either a Child Protection or a Child in Need Plan, or in receipt of other local authority support
4. Children who have siblings who are already with us
5. Children whose parents live within the area.

A child requiring a full-time place may have preference over one requiring a part-time place. This is dependent upon work commitments, occupancy and room availability. We operate a waiting list and places are offered on an availability basis.

We operate an inclusion and equality policy and ensure that all children have access to pre-school places and services irrespective of their gender, race, disability, religion or belief or sexual orientation of parents.

Prior to a child attending pre-school, parents must complete and sign a contract and registration form. These forms provide the pre-school with personal details relating to the child. For example, name, date of birth, address, emergency contact details, parental responsibilities, dietary requirements, collection arrangements, fees and sessions, contact details for parents, doctor's contact details, health visitor contact details, allergies, parental consent and vaccinations etc.

Providers eligible to provide government funded places for early education

All settings registered to accept government funding (detailed in the code of practice) must offer free places for two/three to five year olds for early learning sessions specified by the local authority. At **Little Fingers Pre-school** we currently provide **unlimited** free funded places for children is subject to availability. Please note for admissions for the free pre-school education we have a termly intake, beginning the term following your child's second/third birthday.

All funded sessions are now in line with the flexible arrangement as specified by the Government. When you register your child for their funded place we will discuss your needs and, as far as possible with availability and staffing arrangements, we will accommodate your wishes. We reserve the right to limit and/or have specific funded sessions, according to our business requirements.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the pre-school	Date for review
May 2022		May 2023