



<b>Policy title</b>	<b>Admissions Policy</b>
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**This policy has been impact assessed by Gayle Berry in order to ensure that it does not have an adverse effect on race, gender or disability equality.**

## Equality Impact Assessment

Under the Equality Act 2010 and 2017 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.

## Safeguarding Statement

At Turncroft Nursery we respect and value all children and are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all our pupils so they can learn, in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe every pupil should be able to participate in all nursery activities in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from harm. This is the responsibility of every adult employed by, or invited to deliver services at Turncroft Nursery. We recognise our responsibility to safeguard all who access school and promote the welfare of all our pupils by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect and bullying.

We have 100-part time free Nursery Education places.

In the first instance, places will be allocated to children who reach their 4th birthday within the academic year, in which admission is sought. If we are over-subscribed, places will be allocated in accordance with the following priority order:

1. Children who have been identified by a relevant professional as having or likely to have a special educational need, as defined in the 0-25 SEN Code of Practice.
2. Children who have been identified as children in need as set out in the Children Act 1989.
3. Children who live nearest to our Nursery School. The distance will be measured using the straight line distance from the child's home.

NB. Where the above criteria have been exhausted, we then consider the child's date of birth and any siblings who are on roll.

If you are unsuccessful in obtaining a nursery place for your child and you wish to appeal against the decision, then please contact Blackburn with Darwen Admissions Team

- We offer the 15-hour entitlement for a morning or afternoon session, Monday to Friday. Places are allocated using the criteria above in all cases.
- We offer a limited number of 30-hour places. The core offer for the 30 hours offer is 08.45am -3:45pm, Monday to Friday.

Places are allocated using the criteria above in all cases, and places for the 30 hours offer are reliant on parents applying through the 'Childcare Choices' website.

All eligibility codes must be obtained prior to a child starting in school and must be within the window of opportunity as detailed on the government's 'Childcare Choices' website.

To apply for a place at our nursery school, parents/carers can call in for an application form or place an enquiry on our school website. Application forms will be accepted from the time a child turns two years of age. The above criteria will be applied to determine how places to children are allocated and the date parents submit a form has no impact on securing a place.

You will receive a letter confirming your place and further details prior to your child starting in school.

Please note that dependent on numbers, we usually have further intakes throughout the year, usually in January and at Easter. Any offer of a place will be on the basis that the information given is accurate. Any offer of a place will be withdrawn if it is subsequently found that the information provided was inaccurate.

Please inform our school of any changes in your circumstances.