

Oaklands Nursery and Childcare

Nursery Admissions Policy Oaklands Nursery and Oaklands Childcare	Title:
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Aim

- To provide high quality education and care for children living in the locality.

Nursery Provision

Children are admitted to **Oaklands Nursery** (Local Authority Maintained nursery) in the September following their 3rd birthday.

Children can be admitted to **Oaklands Childcare** in the term after their 3rd birthday.

Children can be admitted to **Oaklands Childcare (2year old provision)** when they are 2 years old.

Staffordshire LA allocates places to children who apply for Oaklands Nursery (50 part time places).

Any children who are unsuccessful will be offered a place in Oaklands Childcare.

Children receive 15 hours funded by NEF whether in Oaklands Nursery or Oaklands Childcare.

Some families will be eligible for 30 hours provision; this is for families where both parents are working. Eligibility criteria for 30 hours funded provision [..\30 hours childcare\30 hours funded places criteria.docx](#)

Parents can apply for additional hours over and above the 15 hours which they will pay for on an hourly rate. The additional hours can be taken flexibly for as much or as little time as the family requires.

The funded nursery places offered are for either 5 mornings, 5 afternoons or a 2 ½ day block each week (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning OR Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday).

Additional hours can be paid for to make up the provision needed.

Rational

In order to provide the regular and consistent educational experiences and to be able to build on what the children are learning from day to day we feel that it is in the best interests of the child to attend nursery each day and at regular times. We have found from our experience children who attend some days and not others or who attend at different times of the day take longer to settle, do not pick up the routines and do not achieve at the same rate as children attending every morning or every afternoon. For this reason we recommend that children attend either 5 mornings or 5 afternoons each week. We do understand that parents have work or studying commitments which is why we offer additional childcare which can be paid for. We also offer a 2 ½ day block if this suits the needs of the family better but should point out that this does mean the child does not receive the advantage of building on their learning day by day.

Oaklands Childcare is a Company Limited by Guarantee childcare facility operating on Oaklands Nursery site and Ellison Primary School site to provide education for children who were not allocated a place at Oaklands Nursery or for those who require more than the funded 15 hours each week.

It operates on a non profit making basis, it is operated as a service to complement the nursery provision.

Oaklands Nursery and Oaklands Childcare are fully integrated, with children and staff in the same room using the same resources and experiencing the same activities.

Admissions

Children's names are entered onto the waiting list whenever their parent/guardian completes an expression of interest.

For **Oaklands Nursery** admission forms are sent out to parents in the spring before their child is due to start nursery. The Local Authority allocates places based on their admissions policy and criteria (available in nursery).

For **Oaklands Childcare** admissions are based on the admissions criteria set by Oaklands Childcare.

Admission Criteria for Oaklands Childcare

In the nursery classroom:

Priority is given to:

1. NEF children who were 3 in the previous school year (1st Sept – 31st August.
2. Children with allocated nursery places (maintained or childcare) requiring additional hours.

If, when all these places have been allocated (50 maintained and 30 childcare), there are still places available

3. Children who are 3 in the current school year.
 - Oldest first (children will be admitted in the term after their 3rd birthday)
 - Where two children have the same birthday precedence will be given to children with a sibling attending Oaklands Nursery.

2 year olds

Children will be admitted to the playgroup as they turn 2 years old; in date of birth order.

Appeals

Appeals regarding a place in Oaklands Childcare to be addressed to Oaklands Childcare Committee via Oaklands Nursery office.