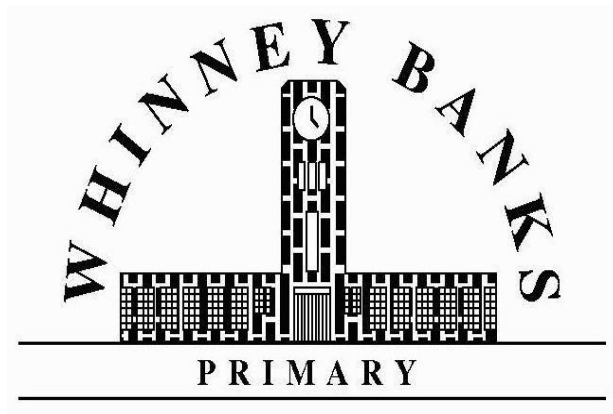


# Admission Policy

## 2-Year-Old Nursery Provision



Adopted by: Whinney Banks Primary School

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Review Date	Type of Review	Comments
September 2024	Updated	New eligibility criteria
Summer Term 2025		

At Whinney Banks Primary School, we aim to work with parents to meet the needs of each child. We pride ourselves on the range of experiences we offer the children, the fun the children have, the many different opportunities available to them and the progress they make.

Our skilled team of teachers and support staff are dedicated to providing a caring and imaginative learning environment.

### **Eligibility**

Whinney Banks Primary School offer a limited number of 15 hours per week provision for 2-year olds. Children will be eligible to attend our nursery from the term after their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

Child's 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday falls between:	Child can start nursery:
1 <sup>st</sup> January – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	After Easter holidays
1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> August	September
1 <sup>st</sup> September – 31 <sup>st</sup> December	January

Only children who are entitled to the 'Achieving 2-Year-old' funding (Free Education Entitlement for Two-year old's) will be considered for admission.

Families who are listed for this entitlement will be contacted directly by school. Parents / Carers should then contact school with their entitlement code information (formally know as the Golden Ticket) in order to arrange admission where possible.

Children will receive 15 hours per week nursery provision during term time. All 15 hours must be registered at Whinney Banks Primary School.

The 15 hours will be offered as 5 x 3-hour sessions during either the morning or afternoon. A change to sessions will be allocated subject to availability.

Places will depend upon the spaces available. When there are more applications than spaces available the following criteria will apply:

- Looked after children and previously looked after children.
- Children aged 2+ who live in the admission zone for the school.
- Children aged 2+ who live outside the admission zone but have a sibling attending Whinney Banks Primary School at the time the nursery child will be admitted.

In all cases, admission will be subject to entitlement to the 'Achieving 2-Year-old' funding, a completed application, places being available and the following documents seen by the school office:

- Child's birth certificate (original)
- Proof of current address (utility bill, council tax bill, child benefit letter).

Where the two-year-old provision is oversubscribed, a waiting list will be maintained in criteria order.

Decisions regarding admission and allocation of sessions will remain with Whinney Banks Primary School.

To find out if your child is eligible visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds>.

A 2-year old can get free early education and childcare if you receive one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment & Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of the State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not receiving Working Tax Credit, and your annual household income is less than £16,191 (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs)
- Working Tax Credit and your annual household income is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit - if you and your partner are on a low income from work (this usually means a combined income of less than £15,400 a year after tax)

Or

- Your child has a current statement of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHP)
- Your child gets Disability Allowance
- Your child has left care through special guardianship or an adoption or residence order

### **If you're not eligible for free education and childcare for parents getting benefits**

You may be able to get [free childcare if you're working](#) under a separate scheme.

### **If you're eligible for both schemes**

You can only get help from either:

- free education and childcare for parents getting benefits
- [free childcare if you're working](#)

If you're eligible for both, you must apply for help through the free education and childcare for parents getting benefits scheme.

Please apply online at:

<http://fis.middlesbrough.gov.uk/kb5/middlesbrough/fsd/service.page?id=4PNZ7Zr7WDA&familychannelnew=1>

or telephone the Family Information Service on 01642 354200 or contact your nearest [Children's Centre](#) and ask for an Achieving 2 Year Old's application form.