



NURSERY ADMISSIONS POLICY 2025-26

Turnfurlong Infant School is a Foundation School and the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority.

Subject to the criteria set out below, the majority of the children will be admitted to the Nursery during the academic year they are four, without reference to gender, ability or aptitude. The number of children in the Nursery will normally be 30 in the morning and 30 in the afternoon. Of these 30 there will be 4 places available in each session for children who will be three during the academic year.

Applications must be received after a child's second birthday. Normally a child will be offered a place in September if they are four between **1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026**. Places will be allocated by the Governing Body according to the following criteria applied in the following order:-

Once children with an Educational Health and Care Plan have been admitted to the school then places are allocated in accordance with the following oversubscription rules:-

- 1) 'Looked after children' or 'Children in care', i.e. 'A looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became the subject of an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
- 2) Children living within the catchment area of the school at the time of entry. The location of your catchment school can be found here:
<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/>
Evidence or normal address is required and may take the form of a utilities bill or other official document confirming name and address.
- 3) Siblings of children who will still be in attendance at Turnfurlong Infant and Junior Schools on the date of admission. A sibling is a brother or sister, which for admission purposes means one or two or more individuals who have one or more parents in common, or any other child (including an adopted child) who lives at the same address and for whom the parent also has parental responsibility or (in the case of a fostered child) delegated authority. To be included as a sibling within the admission rules the other child (sibling) should still be expected to be in attendance when the applicant child joins the school. Siblings are always checked with the preferred school and it would be helpful to know if the existing child has a different family name.
- 4) Children of staff of any of the schools within the Aylesbury Learning Partnership (Turnfurlong Infant School, Turnfurlong Junior School or The Grange School) if they have been employed at the school for more than two years and are still serving at

the school, or if a member of staff is recruited to fill a demonstrable skills shortage.

- 5) Children with exceptional medical or social needs, supported by written evidence from a doctor, social worker, education welfare officer or other appropriate person. (Please note you will need to provide information.)
- 6) Once the above criteria have been applied, then any further places will be awarded according to the distance between the family's normal home address and the school's nearest open entrance gate, offering the closest first. Straight line distances will be used for measuring home to school distances. (The shortest route will be measured by the Buckinghamshire Council's Geographical Information System.)

Where the school can accommodate some but not all children qualifying within one of the above criteria, a 'tiebreaker' is needed. Where there is only one place available, but two equal distance measurements, random allocation monitored by independent means would be used.

Parents are given a choice of morning or afternoon sessions, (Monday to Friday, 3 hours per day). This equates to a 15 hour placement across the week. Should the morning session become over-subscribed, the children will be allocated places in DOB order, with youngest children taking priority. Should the afternoon session be over-subscribed then DOB priority will be given to older children.

Once all places are allocated, children will be placed on a waiting list in priority order. Priorities are likely to change, subject to the criteria above, as new applications are made or individual circumstances change.

Turnfurlong Nursery does not routinely offer 30 hour placements. The Governing Body will consider applications for extended hours on a case by case basis where a child has an Education Health and Care plan or high needs block funding.

It should be noted that a place in Turnfurlong Infant School Nursery class does not automatically guarantee a place at Turnfurlong Infant School. Applications for school places should be made in line with the Admissions Policy for places at Turnfurlong Infant School.

If any parent wishes to comment on the contents of this document, or for further information, please contact the school:

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