



## NURSERY ADMISSIONS POLICY - 2026-27

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

There is a maximum of 30 children in the morning session and 25 children in the afternoon session.

*In 2026-27, Turnfurlong Infant School is extending their offer to an additional 15 hours of free childcare for three and four year olds (the 30 hour offer). 30 hour places for September 2026 will be allocated first to children who are attending Turnfurlong Nursery in 2025/26.*

### **Three and four year olds**

The Nursery has 25 places for children who will be four years old between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2027 (dates of birth 1/9/22 – 31/8/23)**.

All children are eligible for 15 hours of free childcare the term after their third birthday. These places are offered as part-time morning places in our Nursery where children attend every day, Monday to Friday between 9am and 12pm in school term time.

We also offer an additional 15 hours of free childcare for **eligible** three and four year olds. These places are offered as full-time places in our Nursery where children attend every day, Monday to Friday between 9am and 3pm in school term time. To find out whether your family is eligible for 30 hour funding please follow this link [Apply for 30 hours childcare for your 3 or 4-year old | Family Information Service](#)

### **Two year olds**

The Nursery has 5 places for children who will be three years old between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2027 (dates of birth 1/9/23 – 31/8/24)**.

Children attend every day, Monday to Friday between 9am and 12pm in school term time. To find out whether your family is eligible for funded childcare for 2 year olds please follow this link [Funded 2-year-old childcare if you receive additional forms of support | Family Information Service](#)

When a child has a part-time 2 year old place at Nursery they have this place for the whole school year. A full time place will only be offered in the term after a child's third birthday between January and April of a school year if:

- The family is eligible for an additional 15 hours of childcare or the family wishes to pay for unfunded hours
- A full-time place is available in the Nursery at that point in the academic year

If more than one child is eligible in these circumstances, the admissions criteria will be applied.

Applications to Nursery can be made three months before a child's second birthday. Normally a child will be offered a place in the Summer term of 2025/26 to start in September 2026.

**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.**

Places will be allocated by the Governing Body according to the following criteria applied in the following order:

- 1) 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. **(See Note 1)**
- 2) Children living within the catchment area of the school at the time of entry. **(See Note 2)**

Evidence of normal address is required and may take the form of a utilities bill or other official document confirming name and address.

- 3) Siblings **(See Note 3)** of children who are attending the school or the 'linked primary' school (Turnfurlong Junior School) in Year R – Year 5 at the time allocations are made, and are expected to be on the school roll or linked school roll at the time of the proposed admission, or who have already been offered a place to start in the current academic year at the school or Turnfurlong Junior School.
- 4) Children of staff at Turnfurlong Infant 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. **(See Note 4)**
- 5) Children with exceptional medical or social needs, supported by written evidence from a doctor, social worker, education welfare officer or other appropriate person. **(See Note 5)**
- 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. **(See Note 6)** 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 – **See Note 7)**

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.

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.

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

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## **Explanation of terms used in the admission rules**

### **Note 1: Definition of Child in Care**

A looked after child is a child who is a) in the care of a local authority, or b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989). This covers accommodated children and those who are in care under a Care Order/interim order. This can include: living with family or friends, in foster care, a children's home, residential school, special school or in supported lodgings.

This includes children who were previously looked after and immediately after being looked after became the subject of an adoption, residence or special guardianship order as set out below.

Other definitions:

adoption order: 'under Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002'

residence order: is an order setting the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under section 8 of the children's Act 1989

special guardianship order: ' an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians) under Section 14A of the Children Act 1989

### **Note 2: Primary School Catchment Areas**

The primary school catchments can be viewed at:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/>

### **Note 3: Definition of sibling**

A sibling is a brother or sister. For admission purposes we mean one of two or more individuals who have one or more parent in common, or any other child (including an adopted child) who permanently lives at the same address and for whom the parent also has parental responsibility.

We will only consider a pupil in Turnfurlong Infant School or Turnfurlong Junior School as a 'sibling' if he or she is attending, in the specified year groups at the time the allocations are made or, for in-year admissions the time of admission, or has been formally offered a place at the school in the operation of the Coordinated Primary Admissions Scheme. In all cases they are expected to still be at the school at the time of proposed admission.

### **Note 4: Definition of parent**

This is as defined in law (the Education Act 1996) as either:

- Any person who has parental responsibility (defined in Children Act 1989) for the child or young person; or

- Any person who has care of the child or young person.

#### **Note 5: Exceptional Social and Medical process**

When making an application parents should send evidence from an independent professional person (this might be a doctor, health visitor, or Education Welfare Officer, for example) who knows about the child and supports the application to Nursery. It must clearly show why the school is the most suitable.

#### **Note 6: Definition of normal home address**

This is the child's home address. This must be where the parent or legal carer of the child live together unless it is proved that the child is resident elsewhere with someone who has legal care and control of the child. The address should be a residential property that is owned, leased or rented by the child's parent(s) or person with legal care and control of the child. To avoid doubt where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for part of a week or month, the address where the child lives will be determined by:

1) confirmation of the registered address to which Child Benefit is currently being paid, or, if child benefit is not received then the address from which the child in question is registered with the doctor.

2) If 1) above is not applicable then the parent with whom the child spends the greater proportion of the school week from Sunday evening to Thursday evening.

#### **Note 7: Definition of home to school distance**

The straight line distance definition: is 'the distance from the address point of the pupil's house, as set out by Ordnance Survey, to the nearest open school gate available for pupils to use'.

The point Buckinghamshire Council measure to at your home address is determined by the Ordnance Survey ADDRESS-POINT which is an Ordnance Survey data product that provides a National Grid coordinate and a unique reference for each postal address in Great Britain that is on the Royal Mail's Post Office Address File (PAF®).

The PAF contains postal address data and includes premises such as buildings or permanent mobile and park homes, plus other features such as temporary buildings and houseboats.