



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed ...
...to be the best 'me' I can be.

Birches First School Nursery Admissions

What We Offer

Children will be admitted to the Nursery Class for their 'Nursery Year' in September following their third birthday. Many children begin their school journey in this way and the impact an early start has can be very positive both academically and socially!

Applications for **September 2025** intake will open on **1st September 2024** until **14th March 2025**. Offer letters will be posted to parent/carers on **7th April 2025**, please confirm your acceptance of the place by **1st May 2025**. All applications should be delivered to **Birches First School Office** marked **Nursery Admissions 2025**.

You can contact the school office to register your child's details with us in advance and we will contact you when it is time for applications to be made. If you would like to visit the school before making your decision, please call the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time.

What does Birches First School Nursey offer?

15 Hours Free Childcare Provision

Funded places are available from the child's 3rd birthday for 15 hours (a morning session 8.30-11.30am or afternoon session 12.00-3.00pm each day).

Most children join the Nursery class in September following their third birthday. However, should places be available, children **may** be able to join our Nursery class on/after their 3rd birthday.

We also offer the option of additional, charged extended Nursery places if available. For example...a child with a morning place could extend their session in the following ways...

Breakfast Club 7.30-8.30am. £5.00

Lunch 11.30am-12.00pm £7.95

Afternoon session – 12.00-3.00pm (Subject to availability.) £18.00 (NOT including Lunch)

After school care at Birches Club 3.00-5.30pm. £5.00 per hour.

An afternoon nursery session can be extended by adding a morning session 8.30-11.30 at £18.00 and a lunch (11.30am-12.00pm) or before/after school care at Birches Club 7.30-8.30 or 3.00-5.30pm. (additional charges apply as above).

30 Hours

We accommodate 30 Hours Funded places for parents/carers who present an Eligibility Code from HMRC, where there is availability. The 30 Hours Funded places can only be used for **Nursery Provision** (8.30am-3.00pm daily). There is a daily charge of £7.95 for lunch/lunchtime care.

In addition, parents of children eligible for 30 Hours childcare may make use of Birches Club (breakfast and after school provision) subject to additional charges (as above).

Rising 3 Year Olds

We accept children into our Nursery as soon as they turn 3 and are entitled to their 15 Hours Free Funding. Please note, priority will be given to 3 and 4 year old children who are eligible for Free 30 Hours Childcare funding.

Children joining the Nursery class as Rising 3s (just after their third birthday will **NOT** automatically keep the Nursery Class place in the following September. They will need to reapply for a place for September which will be subject to the Nursery admissions criteria. Likewise, admission to the Nursery class does NOT guarantee a place in the Reception class. Again, a separate application must be made which will be subject to the admissions criteria.

Please contact our school office and we will be able to answer any questions and guide you through the admissions process.

Please note all applications for Nursery places must be made directly to the school office and should be received within the timescales listed above. To see the admissions criteria for this please see the attachments below or call in and ask for a paper copy in the school office.

Type of offer	When available	Sessions
15 hours free funded childcare 'Rising 3s/3's'	From the day after a child's 3 rd birthday.	5 mornings or 5 afternoons.
15 hours care funded by parents 'Rising 3's'	From the day on/after a child's 3 rd birthday.	Morning/Afternoon Session 8.30-12.00 11.30-3.00 Monday to Friday £18.00
30 hours fully funded childcare (for families with an eligibility code from HMRC).	From the beginning of the term following a child's 3 rd birthday. January or April.	Monday to Friday 8.30am-3.00pm. There is a daily charge of £7.95 for lunch and lunchtime care...this is not covered by the 30-hour funding.
'Nursery'	From the September following the child's 3 rd birthday.	For 15 or 30 hours funded as above.
All of the above may be extended with the option of the following additional sessions (subject to availability and additional charges)		
Breakfast club care 7.30-8.30am	£5.00	
Lunch and lunchtime care 11.30am-12.00pm	£7.95	
Morning/Afternoon session 12.00-3.00pm	£18.00	
Afterschool club care 3.00-5.30pm	£5.00 per hour	

All places are subject to availability and our admissions criteria.

Governors have decided not to split sessions with other childcare providers.

Parents of children starting as Rising 3's or '3's' must be aware that these places DO NOT guarantee or having any bearing on the child being offered a place in the class for the 'Nursery year' for the September following their 3rd birthday. A separate application should be made direct to the school office according to the dates outlined above and in our admissions policy.

Eligibility for 30 hours funded childcare - Parents who meet the criteria are responsible for applying/renewing their E-code in good time. If they fall outside of the government time

frame for their application, parents will be liable for wraparound charges. Please note, it is not the nursery providers responsibility to remind parents. An E-code must be valid on the first day of term in order for funding to be claimed for that term. The earliest funding can be claimed is at the beginning of the term following a child's third birthday.