



Rainbow Education Multi Academy Trust

St Silas CE Primary School

Admission to Early Years Policy

OVERVIEW

The Early Years team at The Rainbow Education Multi Academy Trust are dedicated to providing the children in their care with the best start to their educational career by ensuring a seamless transition into all our settings from Pre-Nursery, Nursery, Reception and then into the next Key Stage as they enter Year One.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a safe and secure setting for the children, that they feel confident in.
2. To make separating from their carer as stress-free as possible.
3. To give each child a key person, who is the first point of contact for both the child and their carer.

STRATEGIES

Admission into Pre Nursery and Nursery

1. Children are admitted to The Rainbow Education Multi Academy Trust's pre school classes according to the policy of Liverpool Education and Lifelong Learning Service. All families have the opportunity to visit the setting before requesting a place.
2. Children will be offered spaces according to:
 - a. LAC status
 - b. Siblings who attend the school and are eligible for 15 hour funding (Pre-Nursery)
 - c. Siblings who attend the school
 - d. Eligibility for 15 hour funding (Pre-Nursery)
 - e. Distance they live from school
3. When children turn two they will be able to start Pre-Nursery for 15 hours if they are eligible for funding, or depending on availability, may supplement their sessions. Children can access their spaces the term after they turn 2 (September, January and April intake).
4. The term after their third birthday, children are eligible to come to Nursery. These spaces are allocated based on the criteria in point 2 and whether they currently attend Pre-Nursery at St Silas. We hold September, January and April intake based on availability.
5. All three year old children are entitled to 15 hours funding. In Nursery, these hours will be allocated through either full morning or full afternoon sessions. There are some limited 2.5 day spaces, but these are allocated based on availability and are limited due to staff lunch time ratio. Some children may be eligible for 30 hour funding. These spaces will be allocated based on availability.
6. Transition into our settings is different for each child; some children settle quickly and are ready to attend for their full entitlement straight away, others may need to build up the time they spend in the setting and may require a parent or carer to stay with them for the first few sessions.

Admission Into Nursery

1. Children who have attended Pre-Nursery at St Silas will automatically be given a Nursery place however, being in Pre-Nursery or Nursery does not guarantee a Reception place. Children who attend PN will be automatically allocated the same space in Nursery, if parent/carers do not state any change is needed with at least a full terms notice.



2. If a child has not attended our Pre-Nursery prior to starting Nursery, they will attend sessions based on how well they are settling, to be decided between practitioner and parent.

CONCLUSION

We know that each child is different and so our admissions arrangements are flexible to suit the needs of individual children and their families.