

Barnet Early Years Alliance Admissions Policy

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed in full by the Governing Body annually.

BEYA ADMISSIONS POLICY

BEYA offers FEE (Free Early education) to children aged 3 - 5 years and 2 year olds who are entitled to FEE2

BEYA is a federation of three outstanding Nursery schools (Brookhill, Hampden Way and St Margarets) offering places to all children regardless of their race, religion, SEN or any other need. The schools in the federation are part of the education service of the LA and there is no charge for the statutory 15 hours weekly entitlement for each child, 30 hours for eligible children or any 2 year old that accesses FEE2.

Extra provision requested by parents will be subject to a charge and availability. Local authority criteria will be applied when allocating these extra hours.

Out of borough applicants will be considered for admission, after Barnet residents have been offered places.

When to apply

Application for admission to the Nurseries should be made soon after the child's second birthday, and children are normally admitted in the Autumn or Spring term, following their third birthday. For children wanting 2 year provision we suggest parents put their child's name down when they are 12 months.

Places will usually be offered for the 3-5 provision in the Autumn term to all children whether you have an autumn or a spring start. On occasion, if there are places available, children may be offered a place in the Summer term. Two year olds start as soon as they reach 2 years old for fee payers and the term after they are two for a funded place. Two year olds can start at any point in the term as long as there are spaces. There is a minimum requirement of 3 sessions per week for children not yet accessing free entitlement.

At BEYA we offer places to rising threes. This means that parents can have a nursery place the term before their free entitlement starts but this will be at a cost. For children who are accessing the Free entitlement for 2 year olds they will have their rising three place funded.

Timetable for admissions

Applications should be received by the school by mid March.

First round offer - Places offered out before Easter break. Acceptances received by email end of easter break



Second round offer - Places offered out and acceptances received up until the end of April.

There may be an additional intake subject to availability.

If there are more applications than places available for the next intake, priority will be given to: -

1. Children in the care of the local authority.

2. Children with Special Educational Needs.
3. Children with exceptional needs (medical, social or other). A written statement must be provided by a doctor, social worker or other professional.
4. Children who have a brother or sister attending the school when the places are allocated or who attended the school within the last three years, provided the family has not moved further from the school in the meanwhile.
5. Children of staff currently employed at the school.
6. Remaining places will be offered on a geographical basis taking into account:
 - Vulnerable children
 - Working parents
 - Parents in education
 - Parents actively seeking employment

Although parents can request a full time place it does not mean they will automatically be given one.

Please see www.beya.org.uk/nursery-admissions for current information on fees, visit times and an application pack.