



Admission Policy for Ravensbury Community School

Admission Criteria for Nursery

Ravensbury Community School is a school that centres on children, families and their community. Everything we do is designed to provide an active learning environment where children want to learn and succeed. We aim to provide a school where your children feel confident that they are safe, cared for and a school that stimulates their creativity and self worth.

- Places are not given out on a first come first serve basis.
- Attending a school nursery does not mean your child will automatically be given a place in that school's reception class. You must make an application for admission to the reception class.
- Each school has a set number of Nursery places on offer. Where the number of children applying for places is within the set number of places, then every child gets a place.
- In order for the school to sustain full time Nursery provision, parents who are applicable for the free 30 hour "Childcare Choices" must register online and apply every term. The code is to be passed on to the school office as soon as available.

Category 1

Children who are looked after by a Local Authority

Category 2

Children who are Manchester residents

Category 3

Children who have an older brother or sister attending the preferred school when they take up their place and living at the same address. This includes adopted siblings, stepsiblings and foster children.*

*In the event that a Category 3 will cause a school to exceed its planned admission number (PAN), admissions will be prioritised according to the distance between the child's permanent address and the school, measured in a straight line. Those children living nearest to the school will be admitted until all the places have been taken up.

If sibling's attendance is below 90% then the school will not offer a place. The school reserves the right to ask for proof of relationship.

Category 4

All other children will be prioritised according to the distance between their permanent home address and the school. Those children living nearest to the school will be admitted until all the places have been taken up.

How we calculate distance for Categories 3 & 4

We use a computerised measuring system to measure distance in a straight line from the centre point of the child's permanent home address to the centre point of the school, as defined by the Ordnance Survey, the national mapping agency. Those living closer to the school will receive higher priority.

Early Nursery Admission

Where there are spare Nursery places available the school reserves the right to offer early admission for 3 year olds who are school ready (see criteria) and who have siblings in the school. In this instance priority will be given to working parents.

We are committed to offering full time places of 30 hours per week including lunch provision for all Nursery children. However this is subject to government funding. We ask that working parents register with www.childcarechoices.gov.uk as a condition of accepting the Nursery place. Eligible families will receive a unique code which must be used in the school nursery setting.

Waiting list

The school holds the waiting list for Nursery admissions and will use the categories above when offering places.

Making an application

Application forms are available from the school office.