



Kingsdown Pre-school Admissions Policy

Aim

To ensure there is a fair and transparent procedure for admitting children to Kingsdown Pre-school. It is our intention to make our pre-school genuinely accessible to children and families from all sections of the local community.

It should be noted however, that there is no dedicated disabled access and access to the hall is via a flight of steps.

- Kingsdown pre-school has places for 27 children per session
- Children are eligible to start pre-school after they reach the age of 2 years.
- We admit children at any time of the year if a place is available.

Advertising

- We have our own Website and dedicated Facebook page
- We have an entry on the Kent County Council website - Kent Children and Families Information Service (www.kent.gov.uk) as well as www.daynurseries.co.uk
- We advertise in the local and parish magazines which are delivered to homes in Kingsdown and surrounding parishes

We describe the pre-school and its practises in terms which make it clear that it welcomes both fathers and mothers, other carers including childminders, and people from all cultures, ethnic, religious and social groups with and without disabilities.

We monitor the gender and ethnic backgrounds of children joining the group to ensure that no accidental discrimination takes place.

We make our equal opportunities policy widely known.

We will try to be flexible about attendance patterns, where possible, so as to accommodate individual children and families.

Allocation of places

We arrange our waiting list and allocate places in accordance with the following priorities:

1. A child who qualifies for early years entitlement.
2. The date of birth of the child.
3. Children who have a sibling at the group.
4. Children who live in the local Parish Council area.
5. Children in extenuating circumstances. Favourable consideration will be given to children with disabilities or ill parents and children placed with local childminder, providing suitable staff can be found.

We try to keep a place vacant, if is financially viable, in order to accommodate emergency admissions.

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if needed.

This policy was reviewed by the pre-school on 31 August 2021.

Signed on behalf of the pre-school A Bridges