

Harvills Hawthorn Primary School
Nursery Admissions Policy
September 2020
Date for Review: September 2021



This policy will be used to determine admission arrangements for children wishing to start nursery. All admissions decisions can be justified by reference to the following criteria.

After reaching the age of 3, children are entitled to apply for 15 hours a week of free learning and care in an early years setting. This can commence from the start of the term following their third birthday, if places are available. The patterns of attendance that we offer are outlined below.

Morning session: 8:45am - 11:45am, Monday to Friday

Afternoon session: 12:30pm - 3:30pm, Monday to Friday

Most children will attend either all morning sessions or all afternoon sessions.

In addition, some eligible families will be entitled to 30 hours per week free provision. These sessions will run from 8:45am to 3:30pm, Monday to Friday. A charge will be made for the 45-minute lunchtime period. **Please see page 3 for more information on the 30 Hours Flexible Offer at Harvills Hawthorn.**

We offer a 46-place nursery with places divided as follows:

- 20 morning places
- 16 afternoon places
- 10 full time places (children with a full-time place require one morning and one afternoon place)

In the event that the demand for full time places is lower than the 10 places offered, we will then offer these out as extra 15-hour places to parents on the waiting list. Any extra 15-hour places will be allocated to parents on the waiting list by the last school day in February.

DFE 30 Hours Entitlement

From September 2017, 3 and 4 year olds whose parents are working will be entitled to 30 hours of free child care per week. The aim is to help families by reducing the costs of childcare, to support parents to increase the number of hours they work and/or encourage them into employment. However, this increase will only be available to families who meet certain criteria.

Who will be eligible?

The additional hours will be available to families where:

- Both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family);
- Both parents are working includes circumstances where:
 - One or both parents are temporarily away from the workplace on parental, adoption, maternity or paternity leave;
 - One or both parents are temporarily away from the workplace on statutory sick pay;
 - One parent is employed and one parent has substantial caring responsibilities based on specific benefits received for caring; or
 - One parent is employed and one parent is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits.
- Each parent has a weekly minimum income equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage or living wage (parents do not necessarily need to actually work 16 hours a week, but rather their earnings must reflect at least 16 hours of work at national minimum wage or national living wage).
- Neither parent has an income of more than £100,000 per year.
- Foster carers are only eligible for the extended entitlement for their own children (if they meet the criteria); they are not eligible for children that they foster.

The definition of 'working' will include employed and self-employed persons and parents on zero hours contracts who meet the criteria.

Many parents have irregular work patterns and the government are keen that the childcare is offered flexible to meet parent's needs. Parents who are studying and grandparents or other family members with parental responsibility for a child aged 3 or 4 will be eligible for the extended entitlement if they meet the above criteria.

Important - if your child is in Reception, you can't get free childcare.

Once your child is of compulsory school age, they're no longer eligible.

You're **not eligible** if:

- you're in receipt of a childcare grant, you're a full-time student/an intern
- you're not entitled to receive public funds.

When and how can you apply?

The 30 hours will be delivered in every area of England from September 2017.

You can now check if you're eligible and apply for the 30 hours free childcare scheme. [Apply now](#)

The date your child can start depends on your child's birthday. Your child is eligible:

- from the term following their third birthday until they reach compulsory school age
- if they usually live with you - you do not have to be their parent however foster carers are exempt

Harvills Hawthorn 30 Hours Flexible Offer

Harvills Hawthorn offers a fixed number of places for the 30 hours entitlement, at the moment this is fixed at a maximum of 10 places. This will be reviewed in line with the demand for 30-hour places.

If you are eligible to a fulltime 30 hour place, you will need to apply via the DFE website, this can be done through the following link [Apply now](#). Once you receive confirmation through the DFE website that you are eligible for a 30 hour place, you will need to share this with the school office.

Please note that parents/carers are responsible for checking termly that they are still eligible to receive 30 hours free childcare for their child. You will receive a reminder each term from the DFE to do this through your [government gateway childcare account](#). Once your eligibility has been confirmed, you will be provided with a code that you will need to share with the school office. This code is needed to ensure that your child still receives their 30 hours free childcare.

The pattern of attendance that we offer for a full time (30 hour) place at Harvills Hawthorn is:

Monday: 8.45am-11.45am 12.30pm-3.30pm
Tuesday: 8.45am-11.45am 12.30pm-3.30pm
Wednesday: 8.45am-11.45am 12.30pm-3.30pm
Thursday: 8.45am-11.45am 12.30pm-3.30pm
Friday: 8.45am-11.45am 12.30pm-3.30pm

A charge will be made for the cost of supervision and a meal during the 45 minute dinnertime period. This is currently £5 per day (£25 per week).

Children will be greeted and collected from their Nursery classroom by their Dinnertime supervisor at 11.45am. Their Dinnertime supervisor will take them to the dinner hall to support and supervise them throughout the dinnertime period. They will be supported in:

- Developing independence in Health and Self-care skills e.g. washing and drying hands before lunch.
- Selecting the food that they would like for lunch (taking into account any allergies or dietary preferences).
- Helping to further develop skills such as cutting food up effectively etc.
- Reinforcing table manners and social skills around the dinner table.

They will also spend time on the playground supported by their Dinnertime supervisor, giving them a chance to continue to develop their play and social skills with others, before being taken back to the Nursery setting to begin the afternoon session at 12.30pm.

If parents require further childcare on top of the government funded 30 hours, top-up hours can be purchased. The maximum pattern of attendance across a day of childcare at Harvills Hawthorn is:

7.45am-8.45am (Breakfast club)
8.45am-11.45am (Nursery Am)
11.45am-12.30pm (Dinner time)
12.30pm-3.30pm (Nursery Pm)
3.30pm-6.00pm (After-school club)

Flexibility and Top up Hours

If parents require any additional hours on top of the 15 or 30 hours offered, there will be the option to purchase top up hours at our Breakfast Club and After School Club.

Breakfast Club:

7.45am-8.45am £2.50 including breakfast

Children will be taken from Breakfast club to their Nursery class by the Breakfast club staff.

After School Club:

3.30pm-6.00pm £5.00 including a light snack

Children will be collected from the Nursery class and taken to After school club by the After School club staff.

Attendance

Although it is not compulsory for children to attend a Nursery, if you do choose to take up a place at Harvills Hawthorn Nursery, the expected attendance is 96%. If your child's attendance falls below this, the attendance officer will then monitor and review. If there is no improvement, or **if your child is absent from school for 5 sessions (for Part-time) or 10 sessions (for Full-time) within a four-week period, the Nursery place will be withdrawn and offered to the next child on the waiting list.**

How to apply for a nursery place

All applications must be made via the school office. Application forms can be downloaded from the school website, following the Nursery Admissions Form link. This form should then be filled out and handed in to the office staff or posted to the school. We are no longer accepting online applications. You will receive a receipt when the form is handed in.

You may apply for a place as soon as your child turns two. They will then start the term following their third birthday (if places are available).

Children whose 3rd birthday falls after 31st August 2021 may be offered a place in January 2022 or April 2022, if places are available. If places are not available, these children will be considered for entry to nursery in September 2022.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis until all 46 places are allocated, at which point the over-subscription criteria (page

6) will come into effect. The final decision on when / whether a child is admitted, the number of hours and his / her pattern of attendance rests with the Head Teacher.

Please be aware that nursery places are in high demand. As a result, good attendance is expected if your child is offered a place. Children whose attendance is deemed to be poor could be at risk of losing their place. At Harvills Hawthorn, we expect all children to maintain a minimum of 96% attendance.

If you need any help completing your nursery application form, please ask for support at the school office.

Please note that applications for a place in Reception are made separately, directly to Sandwell L.A. Allocation of a nursery place does not guarantee a place in Reception.

The deadline for Reception applications is Friday 15th January 2021. Any applications after this date are not guaranteed to be offered a place at your first choice school.

Admission oversubscription criteria

Ideally, we would love to offer nursery provision to every child. However, as indicated earlier, we are only able to offer a limited number of places. Therefore, in the event of oversubscription, places will be allocated according to the criteria outlined below:

- Children looked after by a local authority and previously looked after children.
- Children with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND).
- Children who have exceptional medical or social needs.
- Children on the child protection register.
- Children who have a parent employed by the school.
- Children who already have siblings in the school.
- Children who live in the school's catchment area.

If you feel your child has any other extenuating circumstances, please inform us of this on the application form. These may also be taken into consideration when allocating places.

In the event of oversubscription, children will be placed on a waiting list.

Home Visits

Home visits are currently suspended due to COVID-19. If your application is successful we will contact you in May 2021 to arrange a visit to school.

Nursery Admission Application Form
Harvills Hawthorn Primary School
Wolseley Road
West Bromwich
B70 0NG

Child's name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Today's date: _____

Names of adults with parental responsibility: _____

Place preference: Am 8.45-11.45

Pm 12.30-3.30

30 hours: 8.45-3.30 Mon-Friday Subject to eligibility

(A charge will be made for the 45-minute lunchtime period)

Please tick any oversubscription criteria that apply to your child. Please note that, in some categories, you may need to provide evidence.

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- Children who have a parent employed by the school.
- Children who already have siblings in the school. Please name them

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- Children who live in the school's catchment area.

If you feel that there are any other extenuating circumstances that we should consider when allocating places, please write them below:

Please note that completion and submission of this form does not guarantee your child a place in our nursery. You will receive a formal offer letter confirming your place.
Key Contacts for Further Information

Sandwell Family Information Service: 0121 5694914

Harvills Hawthorn Primary School: 0121 5571034

DFE 30 Hours Free Childcare Application Form:

<https://childcaresupport.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

