

HONEYWELL NURSERY SCHOOL: ADMISSIONS POLICY 2027-28

Admission

Application for admission to Honeywell nursery in September 2027 must be made on a common application form by Friday 5th February 2027.

Allocation of places: order of priority

If there are more applications than places available, priority will be given in the following order:

- (i) Looked after children and those who ceased to be looked after children, looked after because they were adopted, or because they became subject to a residence order, child arrangements order or a special guardianship order. This includes those children who appear to the Local Authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (note 1);
- (ii) Children who are recommended for a place at that school following an action plan agreed by a multi-disciplinary group (for example Team Around the Child (TAC));
- (iii) Children with brothers and sisters on the roll of the schools on the date of admission (note 2);
- (iv) Children of staff employed directly at either Honeywell Infant or Junior school. Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for the admission to the school is made and /or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage (note 3);
- (v) Children in order of straight line distance from home to school as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System (notes 4 and 5).

If there are more applications than places within any category, applications will be considered in order of straight line distance from home to school, as measured by the Council's Geographical Information System.

Notes:

1. A child looked after is a child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989. An adopted child is defined by section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or section 12 of the Adoption Act 1976. A residence order is defined by section 8 of the Children Act 1989. A child arrangement order is defined by section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by section 14 of the Children and Families Act 2014. A special guardianship order is defined by section 14A of the Children Act 1989. Priority under this criterion will also be given to those children who appear to the Local Authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Documentary evidence will be required in all circumstances.
2. A sibling is a full brother or sister, a step/half brother or sister living at the same address, a child who is living as part of the family by reason of a court order, or a child who has been placed with foster carers as a result of being looked after by a local authority. Those children whose siblings have joined the schools through the Fair Access Protocol will NOT be considered as siblings. The parents/carers of these children will be able to apply for a place at the school through the other categories.

3. The member of staff must be employed on at least 0.6 FTE and employed directly at the school. The number of places offered under this criterion is one per form of entry. This equates to a maximum of three places per year group. If more than three members of staff apply applications will be considered in order of straight line distance from home to school, as measured by the Council's Geographical Information System.
4. The straight-line measurement used to prioritise applicants for admission to schools in Wandsworth commences in all cases at the location of the property and terminates at the central point of the school site as determined by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System. Measurements by alternative systems and/or to other points will not be taken into account in any circumstances. Where applicants have identical distance measurements, priority amongst them will be determined at random.
5. The permanent address of the parent/guardian with whom the child is living on the closing date for applications will be used for this purpose and this must be the address where the family normally lives. Parents are not permitted to use a temporary address to secure a school place for the child. A business address, a childminder's address, or any address including a family member's address other than the child's permanent home will not be accepted. Proof of address will be sought and if there is any doubt about the validity of the address given it may be the subject of further investigation.