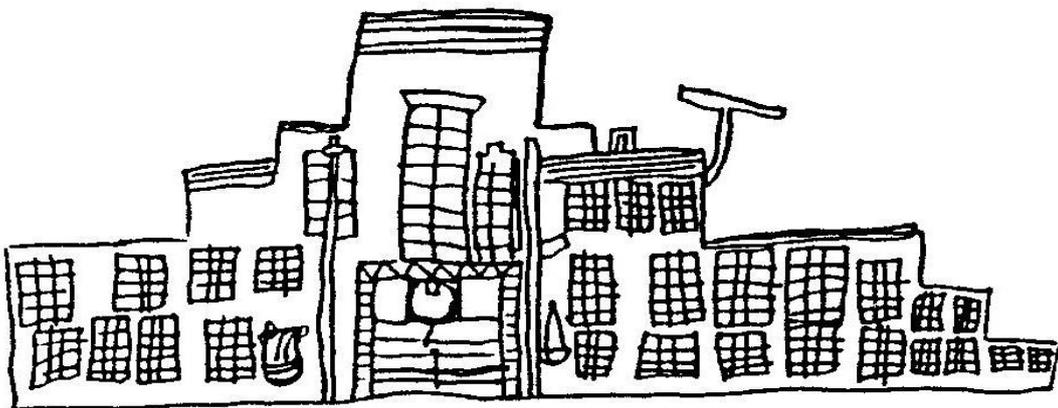


# Clarendon Primary School Nursery - Frequently Asked Questions



## **When can my child start Clarendon Nursery?**

Your child must be three or four years old the term before they start at Clarendon Nursery (or two years old and eligible for FEET funding). Further information about funding can be found in the Nursery section of this website.

## **What times are the nursery sessions?**

Session 1 (15 hours):

Mondays & Tuesdays 8.45am – 2.45pm & Wednesdays 8.45am – 11.45am

Session 2 (15 hours):

Wednesdays 12 noon – 3.00pm, Thursdays & Fridays 8.45am – 2.45pm

Session 3 (30 hours – 3 & 4 year olds only)

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 8.45am – 2.45pm, Wednesdays 8.45am – 3.00pm

Nursery sessions run during term time in line with the main school. The exception to this is at the start of each academic year when the nursery children generally return to school up to one week later.

## **How much does it cost to send my child to Clarendon Nursery?**

In line with our nursery determined admissions arrangements (see the Nursery Admissions section of this website), your child is entitled to free government funded hours from the start of the school term after their third birthday (or second birthday for those children eligible for FEET funding).

Clarendon Nursery provides two free government-funded offers:

The first is the universal entitlement (available to all) and comprises 15 hours of free nursery provision during term time, 38 weeks of the year.

The second funding offer is the extended entitlement (available to eligible families of 3 and 4 year olds) and extends the 15 universal hours to 30 hours of free nursery provision during term time, 38 weeks of the year.

Further information about free early education entitlement funding and eligibility can be found in the Nursery section of this website.

Subject to availability, parents of three and four year olds who are not eligible for the 30 hours free extended entitlement may request to privately fund an additional 15 hours of nursery provision so that their child attends the nursery for 30 hours a week. Further information about privately funding the additional 15 hours can be found in the Nursery Admissions section of this website.

Unless your child qualifies for a free school meal, the only additional optional cost to parents is for the provision of a hot school meal on the sessions that your child is in nursery all day. (These are charged at the standard school rate). Alternatively, parents can provide their child with a healthy packed lunch.

## **When can I apply for a nursery place at Clarendon?**

The main nursery intake is in September of each academic year. (NB To be eligible for our September intake, a child must be aged 3+ by the 31<sup>st</sup> August of the year of intended admission (or 2 years old for children eligible for FEET funding). Application forms for each September's intake are generally available on the school's website or from the School Office from the beginning of February each year until the identified closing date in April – please check the information in the Nursery Admissions section of this website for specific dates).

When places are available, all other children joining at different times in the year are considered as an in-year admission. If your child turns 3 years old (or 2 years old and eligible for FEET funding) after 1<sup>st</sup> September but before 31<sup>st</sup> December they can be considered for admission in the Spring Term. If your child turns 3 years old (or 2 years old and eligible for FEET funding) after 1<sup>st</sup> January but before the 31<sup>st</sup> March, they can be considered for admission in the Summer Term.

Further information about applying for a nursery place at Clarendon can be found in the Nursery Admissions section of this website.

## **Is my child guaranteed a place if I complete an application form?**

Unfortunately not. Due to the high number of applications we receive, it cannot be guaranteed.

## **If my child has a nursery place at Clarendon, will they be guaranteed a place in Clarendon's Reception class?**

There is no automatic transfer from Nursery to Clarendon's Reception class. All parents/carers must apply separately for a primary school place through the Surrey Admissions website. Further information regarding school admissions and the school admissions process is available on [Surrey County Council's website](#).

## **What qualifications do your nursery staff hold?**

Our nursery class is run by a qualified teacher holding QTS. All other core nursery staff hold a minimum of Level 3 qualification, with many staff qualified to a higher level.

## **Are all nursery staff trained in first aid?**

All core members of our nursery staff hold an up to date Paediatric First Aid qualification.

## **What curriculum is followed in the nursery class?**

The nursery offers children a playbased curriculum and the experiences required to ensure the expectations of the Government's Early Years Foundation (EYFS) framework are met. Further information is available in the "About our Nursery" section of this website.

## **How will my child be helped to settle in?**

All settling in procedures are followed in accordance with the Nursery Settling-In Policy which can be found on the school's website.

However, as all children are seen as individuals, individualised settling in arrangements will be planned and agreed with a child's parents if and when required.

## **Can I visit the nursery?**

We welcome and encourage all prospective parents to come and visit. Information about forthcoming open mornings will be published on the school's website. These are generally scheduled in accordance with the main nursery admissions round each year.

## **Do you have parent's evenings?**

Yes, in line with the rest of the school, we hold parent's evenings twice per year and send home twice-yearly reports. Informal conversations between parents and staff also take place on a regular basis at drop-off and collection times.

Where other meetings are required, these are arranged as and when necessary on a case by case basis with relevant members of staff.

Each child has their own Learning Journal which parents are able to access at any time within the nursery setting.

## **Does the nursery have a full set of policies and procedures?**

Yes, these can be found in the 'Policies' section on the school's website.

## **Where can I find more information about Clarendon Nursery?**

The Nursery pages on the school's website provide you with a wealth of information about our nursery provision. Our '[Nursery Information for Parents' booklet](#)' also contains valuable information to parents of children who attend the nursery.