



THE BEM TRUST

THELWALL LITTLE EXPLORERS NURSERY ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Thelwall Infant School has a 22 place Governor led Nursery- Little Explorers which is open from 7.30am to 6pm.

- All children receive 15 hours free nursery provision each week and some receive 30 hours (To find out if you are eligible for 30 hours [click here](#)).
- The place is normally for the year before your child starts school, but if space is available, children may start sooner (please see below for further information).
- Hours can be allocated flexibly to meet your childcare needs. For example you may choose morning sessions, afternoon sessions or a combination of morning and afternoon sessions or full days (subject to availability).
- You can buy additional hours on top of the free sessions you receive (subject to availability).
- Priority will be given to the 'Rising 4' cohort, in order to maximise the opportunities for children to receive at least one year of nursery education before starting school.

Applications for places for September (For children who turn 3 on or before 31st August) should be submitted by 30th April. Places will be allocated and parents notified by 30th May. Late applications will be considered subject to availability of places.

If applications for nursery places are over 22 then the following over subscription criteria will be applied;

1. Children looked after by the local authority (in care).
2. Children attending for 15 or more hours per week (term time)
3. Children with a sibling that already attends Thelwall Infant or Junior School (and will still be in attendance on their admission to nursery)

4. Children with particular learning difficulties or a disability, social, medical or language needs (identified by a medical professional)
5. Children of staff who have worked in the school for more than 2 years.
6. Distance from the school – this is measured in a straight line distance.

Admission of younger children (The term after they turn three years old)

If places remain available after the main September intake, further places will be allocated at two points in the academic year according to the children's birth dates as follows:

Dates of Birth; 1st Sep – 31st Dec Eligible for Admission; Spring term (Jan)

Dates of Birth; 1st Jan – 31st Mar Eligible for Admission; Summer Term (April)

Applications for January places should be submitted by 30th September. Places will be allocated and parents notified by 30th October. Late applications will be considered subject to availability of places.

Applications for April places should be submitted by 31st January. Places will be allocated and parents notified by 28th February. Late applications will be considered subject to availability of places.

The same over subscription criteria will be used when allocating these places.

As part of the admissions process parents/carers who do not get allocated the sessions they applied for may be offered alternative sessions subject to availability.

Parents/carers who do not get allocated places will be invited to join the waiting list. The same criteria for prioritising places applies to the waiting list.