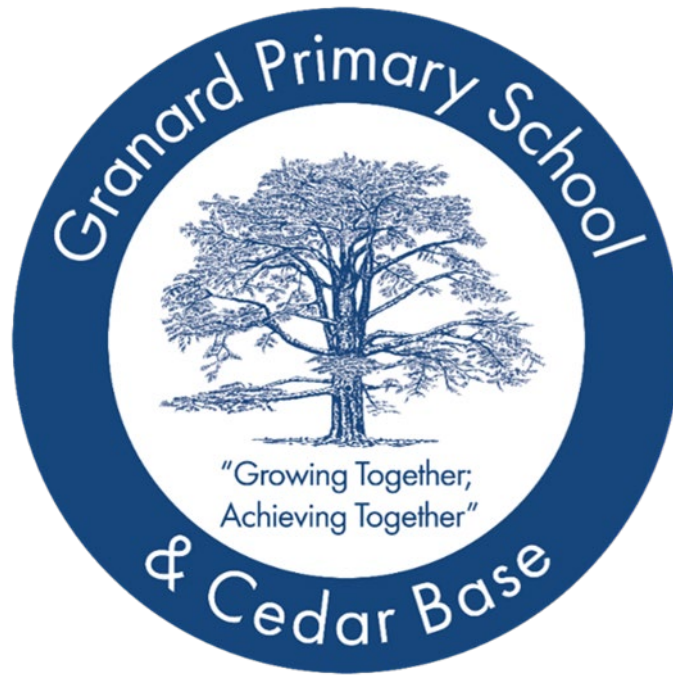


Granard Primary School



Nursery Admissions Policy

February 2025

Review Due: February 2028

Policy

Children start Nursery in the September after they turn 3 years old. The Nursery intake is staggered to help the children settle in and get to know the staff. The Nursery comprises up to 26 full-time children and 39 part-time children.

Full-time places will only be issued to families entitled to 30 hours free funding or those children identified by the Local Authority as vulnerable, unless parents pay a 'Top Up' fee.

Parents are given the option of selecting their preference of part-time places.

At Granard we aim to provide flexible part-time Nursery places. The idea of more 'flexible' Nursery education is to provide high quality early learning and care for children and to meet the needs of today's parents for flexible childcare.

The part-time options we offer are:

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| Option A - 2.5 days | - | This includes ALL day Monday and Tuesday (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) and Wednesday until 12 noon
Lunchtime is included on all three days
Children must bring a packed lunch or, if a school dinner is required, there is a charge. |
| Option B - 2.5 days | - | This starts on Wednesday at 12 noon and includes ALL day Thursday and Friday (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)
Lunchtime is included on Thursdays and Fridays
Children must bring a packed lunch or, if a school dinner is required, there is a charge. |
| Option C - 5 mornings per week | - | 9 a.m. – 12 noon daily (with lunchtime included)
Children must bring a packed lunch or, if a school dinner is required, there is a charge. |

Top Up Full-Time Places

If you are offered a part-time place but would prefer to 'top' this up to a full-time place, there is a charge.

Wrap-around Care

Wrap-around care from 7.30 a.m. – 8.45 a.m. and 3 p.m. – 5.55 p.m. is also available for children attending from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Pre booking is essential.

Criteria for Places

1. Children who are:
 - Looked after Children (LAC).
 - Children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
 - Children who are the subject of adoption and special guardianship orders who were previously looked after by the English local authorities (PLAC). These are referred to as internationally adopted previously looked after children (IAPLAC).
 - Children who have an allocated social worker who has provided written support of the need for a place as part of the Child's Plan at Granard.
2. Children who are recommended for a place at Granard following an action plan agreed by a multi-disciplinary group (for example Team Around the Child (TAC)) or other relevant professional.
3. Siblings – Children with a brother or sister currently attending Granard and who will still be at the school when the child is admitted.
4. Distance – Children who live nearest to the school.
5. Children with English as a second language.

Early Starters

In the event of pupil numbers in Nursery falling below 52, early applications of children who have just turned 3 years old will be considered for an early start the term after they turn 3 years old, using the criteria above.

Waiting Lists

All children who are not successful in gaining a place in the September intake will be placed on a waiting list. If a place becomes available, their application will be considered using the above mentioned criteria. Late applications will be considered after those submitted by the closing date.

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