



Holy Trinity RC Primary School

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Nursery Class Admission Policy 2023/2024

Holy Trinity, Brierfield is a Roman Catholic Primary School with an attached Nursery Class. We can accommodate 13 places in each class-based session and lunchtime session.

When allocating places, pupils will be ranked using the criteria below. Applicants for the school year 2023/2024 will need to apply direct to the school on the school's nursery application form by 28th April 2023. You will be notified if your application is successful by 12th May 2023. Please note that there are separate arrangements for admission into Nursery and the school itself. (There will not be a separate LA application form for Nursery applications.)

Applications

Nursery provision is offered to all children starting the term after their 3rd birthday.

We accept children in September, January and after Easter each school year.

Depending on when their birthday falls, children will qualify for 5, 4 or 3 terms at Nursery before they reach school age.

All children are funded for 15 hours of free Nursery provision. This is their Universal Entitlement.

At Holy Trinity we offer these hours as five morning sessions which last for 3 hours.

Additional hours may be booked and paid for either privately or through additional government funding for working parents.

In the event of there being more applicants than places available, the Governors will apply the following criteria in the order of the categories listed below.

1. Baptised Roman Catholic children who are looked after children or previously looked after children. This includes those children legally adopted from overseas.
2. Baptised Roman Catholic children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission and resident in the former parish of Holy Trinity.
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident in the former parish of Holy Trinity Brierfield.
4. Other baptised Roman Catholic children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission and are resident in another parish.
5. Other baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident in another parish.
6. Other children who are looked after children or previously looked after children. This includes those children legally adopted from overseas.
7. Children who are worshipping in a Church in membership of the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission.
8. Children who are worshipping in a Church in membership of the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

9. Children for whom the Governors accept that there are exceptionally strong medical, social, or welfare reasons, which are directly relevant to the school concerned.
10. Other children with a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission.
11. Other children.

Notes:

1. If, within any category there are more applicants than places available priority will be given on the basis of proximity to the school measured by a straight line between the centre of the family home to the centre of the school. In the event of a tied distance measurement between address points the School's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).
2. Each Roman Catholic applicant will be required to produce a baptismal certificate.
3. The offer of a place in the nursery class **does not** guarantee subsequent admission in the main school reception class.
4. Every effort will be made to accommodate twins and other 'multiple births' applications provided that this does not breach maximum class size regulations.
5. In the event of more applications than available places the governors will maintain a continuing interest list (waiting list). These and late applications will go onto this list in a position determined by the criteria. If a place becomes available in the nursery it will be offered to the child that best meets the published admission rules.

Session Times

15 hour entitlement session times:

	AM	PM
Monday - Friday	8.45 am - 11.45 pm	12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

30 hour entitlement session times: (Please note: These session times include 'free' lunch time in order to ensure the children have regular routines.)

	Session times
Monday - Friday	8.45 am - 3.30 pm

Extra sessions which may be purchased if available are:

	Session time	Cost
Morning wrap around care (Sunrise club)	8:00 - 8:45 am	£4 a day
Afternoon wrap around care (Sunset club)	3:30 - 5:00 pm	£6 a day
Full time (if not entitled to 30 hours free)	8:45 - 3.30 pm	£120 a week

If attending the lunchtime session pupils can bring their own packed lunch or purchase a school dinner at a cost of £2.30 per day.

Will I qualify for 30 hours free childcare?

Parents of three and four year olds will need to meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for 30 hours free childcare:

- They earn or expect to earn the equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum or Living Wage over the coming three months.
- This equates to £120 a week (or £6,000 a year) for each parent over 25 years old or £112.80 a week (or £5,800 a year) for each parent between 21 and 24 years old.
- This applies whether you are in paid employment, self-employed or on zero hours contract.
- The parent (and their partner where applicable) should be seeking the free childcare to enable them to work.
- Where one or both parents are on maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave, or if they are on statutory sick leave.
- Where one parent meets the income criteria and the other is unable to work because they are disabled, have caring responsibilities or have been assessed as having limited capability to work.
- Where a parent is in a 'start-up period' (i.e. they are newly self-employed) they do not need to demonstrate that they meet the income criteria for 12 months.

- If a non-EEA national, the parent must have recourse to public funds.

You can check whether your child is eligible via Childcare Choices at: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> or the Childcare calculator at <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>. Those who could be eligible for 30 hours and/or Tax-Free Childcare should apply via the digital childcare service. When you have applied you will be issued with an eligibility code which will need to be checked in school.