



Holy Trinity RC Primary School
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Nursery Class Admission Policy 2026/2027

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 2026/2027 will need to apply direct to the school on the school's nursery application form by 15th May 2026. You will be notified if your application is successful by 22nd May 2026. 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. A baptised Catholic 'looked after child' or a baptised Catholic child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those who appear to this admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Other Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parishes of the relevant academy (Former parish of Holy Trinity).
4. Other Baptised Catholic children.
5. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order, including those who appear to this admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
6. Non-Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
7. Children with a parent or carer who has been employed at the school for a minimum of two

years prior to the closing date for applications.

8. Children with a parent/carer who regularly worships in a church which is in full membership of Churches Together in England or the Evangelical Alliance. Confirmation in writing from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required as evidence.
9. All remaining applicants.

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 £2.70 per day.

Will I qualify for 30 hours free childcare?

The amount of free childcare you can get depends on:

- your child's age and circumstances
- whether you're working (employed, self-employed, or a director)
- your income (and your partner's income, if you have one)
- your immigration status
- You will not be eligible if either:
 - your child does not usually live with you
 - you or your partner have an expected adjusted net income of over £100,000 in the current tax year

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.