



Royal Cross Primary School

Lancashire's school for deaf children - outstanding provider and specialist school

Royal Cross School Nursery – Admissions Policy

Introduction

Royal Cross School Nursery aims to provide a happy and caring environment for Children from Age 3 with a Hearing and/or Speech and Language Impairment. Children from Age 2 with similar Impairments will be considered for admission providing there is a suitable cohort available for them.

There will be opportunities available for perspective Parents/Children to visit the Nursery at pre-arranged times throughout the School Year. This will give allow all concerned to identify if the Nursery provision is suitable for the Child.

The Early Years Department can accept up to 12 Children. The number of available Nursery places will be dependent on how many Pupils have already been enrolled in Early Years.

Royal Cross School Vision

Our School Vision is to guarantee specialist provision which will empower deaf children and prepare them for the outside world. This applies equally to the Nursery where we are sustained by highly professional staff.

Admissions Policy

The Admissions Policy is determined by “The Schools Admission Code” and the “Admissions Appeals Code” written by the Department of Education (DfE). In addition, as a Community Special School Royal Cross is also Governed by the Local Authority (LA) Nursery School Admissions in Lancashire – Information for Parents 2019-20 published by Lancashire County Council.

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Royal Cross Nursery Admissions Criteria

Royal Cross Nursery welcomes all faiths; indeed the School is already multi-cultural. Children with Hearing and/or Speech and Language Impairment will be admitted in the following preferential order without regard to faith, race or gender.

1. Children Looked After (CLA) i.e. Children in Public Care or those at risk of becoming CLA.
2. Children Education and Health Care Plans (EHCPs) i.e. those with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and those with exceptional/strong SEN reasons for attending the Nursery.
3. Those without an EHCP who have exceptional/strong Medical, Social, Welfare reasons for attending.
4. Children who have a sibling in attendance at the time of their admission.
5. Parents/Carers who provide evidence of Training/Education at a local Establishment, Working Locally or Established Local Childcare arrangements at the time of the Child's Admission.
6. Those living nearest the School.

It should be noted that where the Nursery cannot provide a suitable cohort or the required medical expertise then an application may be rejected.

The allocation of places in accordance with the above criteria will be based on the following priority order:

1. Children requiring 30 hours per Week.
2. Children requiring 15 hours per Week.

Requesting a Place

There is normally only one intake per year in September, although on occasion it may be possible for a Child to start at another time during the Year.

There is a Waiting List which Parents/Carers can place their Child's name at any time.

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Parents should complete an Application Form, available from the Royal Cross School website, and return it to School no later than 31 March in the same year prior to the September Entry Date. The place will only be confirmed when the Registration Form, also available from the Royal Cross School website, has been completed, signed and returned to the School; this should be no later than 31 May in the same year prior to the September Entry Date.

If it is not possible to offer a place then the details will be retained on file and will be used to notify the Parent/Carer if a place becomes available.

All application information will be kept on record by the Nursery.

Parents/Carers wanting to appeal a decision should write to the Chair of Governors at Royal Cross Primary School.

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