



St. John the Baptist Primary Nursery Class

Enrolment to Nursery Position Statement

South Lanarkshire Council has an Admissions Policy to guide staff and parents on the procedures necessary to allocate nursery places.

Intakes

- All children will start nursery the Monday after their third birthday, with the exception of birthdays between March and the end of July/beginning of August. These children will begin during the August intake.*

*Parents/Carers who wish to apply for a nursery place for their child should contact Mrs McCluskey. She will ask the parent/carer to complete an application form and answer any questions which arise. Parents will also be asked to bring along 2 pieces of identification with their address at this time and **FULL BIRTH CERTIFICATE**.*

The application forms will be taken to the Area Admissions Panel meeting where the panel will allocate places according to priorities. Parents will then be notified in letter form as to whether their child has been successful in gaining a nursery place. This is throughout May.

If at this stage, there are more applications than places, there will be a central ballot where names will be drawn, and places allocated. If a parent is unsuccessful in gaining their first choice, they will be offered their second or third choice.

The closing date for applications for nursery is 29th February for the session beginning August and applications can be made at any time during the year. Applications after this will be considered late and processed in due course. Late applications may not have their chosen establishment and a space will be allocated where there is availability.

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South Lanarkshire admission policy

Early Years admissions policy

If you are applying for a place in a Council-run nursery or want to transfer to another Council-run nursery, the allocation of nursery places is determined by our admissions policy. This sets the priorities for the allocation of places based on the child's needs.

Priority 1

Children affected by abuse

Children with additional support needs

Looked after and accommodated children from birth up to 2 years old

Children who at any time from the age of 2 years have been

a) Looked after and accommodated; or

b) subject to a Kinship Care Order

Children affected by domestic violence

Children affected by substance misuse

Children affected by a disability within the home

All applications within priority 1 must be substantiated by a wellbeing assessment / single agency assessment

**2-year-olds as required by relevant legislation from time to time applying*

Priority 2

New application 0/3

a) Children in their pre-school year - new applications

b) Deferred entry children Sept/Dec birthdays - referred (approved by scrutiny panel)

c) Transfer application pre-school year children - change in circumstances

Priority 3

a) Children in their ante pre-school year - new applications

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b) Transfer applications ante-pre-school year - change in circumstances

Priority 4

- a) Deferred entry children: Sept/Dec parental choice*
- b) Transfer application pre-school year children - parental choice*
- c) Transfer applications ante-pre-school year - parental choice*

Priority 5

All children resident out with South Lanarkshire Council area