



Sandbank Nursery School and Playcare Project **Admissions Policy**

The Governing Board of Sandbank Nursery School applies the criteria determined by Walsall Children's Services (for admissions) fairly and equally to all those who wish to attend this school.

The school provides 120 part-time places; 60 morning and 60 afternoon, for children from 3-4 years of age and 48 Playcare place, 24 a.m. and 24 p.m. for children aged 2-3.. Places are allocated following the child's birthday in date order.

The only restriction that we place on entry is that of number. If the number of children applying for entry exceeds the places available, the Headteacher will admit the children by using the following admissions criteria (in order of priority):-

1. Children in Public Care (looked after children)
2. Children who have a brother or sister already in attendance at the school
3. Children for whom a place at the school is essential on medical or social grounds as supported in writing by a medical practitioner or a social worker
4. Distance between the home address and the school as measured in a straight line, with priority given to those living closest

Allocation of places to children outside the stated age range

Where a child with SEND already has a place at Sandbank (as a 3 year old), with the agreement of any involved professionals and the parents, application can be made to the Local Authority for deferment of the Reception place at primary school. If this is agreed, the child may continue to attend Sandbank for a further school year, taking up a Reception place one year later than date of birth stipulates.

Where date of birth allows, and the parents prefer, parents may request that their child remains at Sandbank for a period beyond the usual leaving date. (The length of this period will be dependent on the date of birth). Such a place will be allocated only when spaces exist after the September allocations have been accepted; children with birthdays up to 31st August.

In exceptional circumstances, the Headteacher may allocate a place outside of these criteria.

Reviewed: March 2021

Next review date: March 2022

Passed by: _____

Signed: _____