

Admissions Policy for Floreat Wandsworth Nursery for Academic Year 2021/22

Introduction

At Floreat Wandsworth we plan to operate a nursery in the Academic year 2021-2022. A child will be eligible for a place if they are born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018. Admission will be subject to an application being made and places being available.

All children aged between 3 and 4 years old are eligible for the universal entitlement of 15 hours free early education. Some families are eligible for an extra 15 hours of free early education. This means that their entitlement will increase to a total of 30 hours per week during term time. Please see <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> for eligibility.

The numbers of places may vary each year according to staffing, space and community need for funded hours. The school reserves the right to offer different sessions to those noted below. Prices are also subject to change.

We plan to operate the following funded hours and additional sessions during 2021-2022:

	Nursery Sessions	Accessible Funding
Part Time (term time only)		
	Mon – Fri 8:30am – 11:30am	15 hours FREE
	Mon – Fri (term time only) 12:30pm – 3:30pm	15 hours FREE
Full Time (term time only)		
	Mon, Tues, Thurs 8:30am – 3:30pm Wed 8:30am – 11.00am Fri 8:30am – 3:00pm	15 hours FREE + 15 hours FREE (depending on eligibility)*
	Mon – Thurs 8:30am – 3:30pm Fri 8:30am – 3:00pm	15 hours FREE + 15 hours FREE (depending on eligibility) + 4.5 hours Wednesday top-up [^]
	School lunch not included. Please provide a healthy packed lunch or pay £2.40 per day for a hot lunch	

*If you **are not** eligible for 30-hour funding, the cost for 15 additional hours is £120 per week

[^]If you **are** eligible for 30-hour funding, the cost of 4.5 top-up hours is £36 per week

[^]If you **are not** eligible for 30-hour funding, the cost for 19.5 additional hours is £156 per week.

Application Process

The GLF Trust Board is the Admissions Authority for all schools in GLF Schools. Parents/Guardians wishing to apply for a place for entry in September 2021 must complete the application form on our website <http://www.floreatwandsworth.org.uk/nursery-admissions> by **Sunday 8th February**.

Over Subscription Criteria

Places will first be allocated to children with an Education Health and Care Plan which names the school. These children will be included in the overall admission number of the school.

Places will then be offered to children who have officially deferred entrance into Reception 2021.

If there are more applications than places, the school will then consider applications in accordance with the following over subscription criteria set out in priority order. Length of time on any waiting list will not be taken into account.

1) Looked after children and those who ceased to be looked after children because they were adopted, or because they became subject to a residence order, child arrangements order or a special guardianship order.

- a) A child looked after is a child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.
- b) An adopted child is defined by section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or section 12 of the Adoption Act 1976. A residence order is defined by section 8 of the Children Act 1989.
- c) A child arrangement order is defined by section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by section 14 of the Children and Families Act 2014. A special guardianship order is defined by section 14A of the Children Act 1989.

2) Children with a professionally supported exceptional medical need or exceptional social need.

- a) Applications made on exceptional medical grounds must be supported by a current letter from a specialist health professional.
- b) Applications made on exceptional social grounds must be supported by a current letter from a social worker or other care professional working with the family.
- c) The letter must give reasons why the child's condition or circumstances make it necessary for the child to attend the school applied for, and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend an alternative school. If this information is not provided by the application closing date, the application will not be considered under this criterion. The Admissions Authority may request professional advice before reaching a decision.
- d) Providing evidence does not guarantee that a child will be given priority and in each case a decision will be made based on the merits of the case and whether the evidence demonstrates that a place should be made at Floreat Wandsworth above any other.

3) Children with brothers or sisters attending the school on the date of admission.

- a) A sibling is a full brother or sister, a step/half brother or sister living at the same address, a child who is living as part of the family by reason of a court order, or a child who has been placed with foster carers as a result of being looked after by a local authority.

If there are more applications than places within any category, applications will be considered in order of straight line distance from home to school as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System.

- a) The straight-line measurement used to prioritise applicants for admission to schools in Wandsworth commences in all cases at the location of the property and terminates at the central point of the school site as determined by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System. Measurements by alternative systems and/or to other points will not be taken into account in any circumstances. Where applicants have identical distance measurements, priority amongst them will be determined at random.
- b) The permanent address of the parent/guardian with whom the child is living on the closing date for applications will be used for this purpose and this must be the address where the family normally lives. Parents are not permitted to use a temporary address to secure a school place for the child. A business address, a child-minder's address, or any address including a family member's address other than the child's permanent home will not be accepted. Proof of address will be sought and if there is any doubt about the validity of the address given it may be the subject of further investigation.
- c) Where a child lives with parents with shared custody/responsibility, the address where the child spends the majority of the week should be used by parents for the school application. If there is a genuine 50/50 shared arrangement in place, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. In cases where an agreement cannot be reached between the parents and Child Benefit is claimed, the address that is registered for this claim will be used. Additional proof may be requested, eg court order or a solicitor's letter to confirm the arrangements.

The school will endeavour to inform parents of the outcome of their application by email **on or before Wednesday 31st March 2021.**

If you are offered a place, you must confirm acceptance directly with the school by the date stipulated in your offer letter.

If an applicant is found to have supplied false or deliberately misleading information or to have withheld any relevant information, the school reserves the right to withdraw any offer or a place, even if the child has already started at the Nursery.

The final decision with regard to admission and the allocation of sessions will rest with the GLF Trust Board.

Where the nursery is oversubscribed it will operate a waiting list based on the oversubscription criteria without regard to the date of application was received or when a child's name was added to the waiting list.

Admission to the school's nursery **does not** guarantee admission to the Reception class. Application for Reception must be made on a separate application in accordance with the Reception admission arrangements and be submitted by the statutory deadline. Please see the Reception Admission Arrangements by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schools-and-admissions/admissions/primary-school-admissions/>