

# **Pre-School Admissions Policy**

Person(s) Responsible: Headteacher

**EYFS Link Governor** 

Formally adopted by the

Governing Body:

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#### **Statement of Intent**

We operate an inclusion and equality policy and ensure that all children aged between 2 and 4 years old have access to Pre-School places and services irrespective of their gender, race, disability, religion or belief or sexual orientation of parents/carers.

Admission to Biggin Hill Primary Pre-School does not guarantee automatic admission to Biggin Hill Primary reception class. parents/carers must follow Bromley Admissions process when applying for full-time education.

All Fees are payable half-termly. Unfortunately it is not possible to refund fees for holidays or in the case of absence, as our overheads have to be covered at all times. Also if for any reason your child leaves during term time we cannot refund any remaining fees as we will be unable to fill the space left until the next half term.

### Criteria for admission to the Pre-School and Waiting List

Admission to Biggin Hill Primary Pre-School is on a first come first serve basis with the following exceptions:-

- Children who are in the care of the Borough of Bromley (Looked After Children).
- Children who have a Education and Health Care Plan which names the school.
- Children of a permanent member of staff.
- Current pupils wishing to increase their hours.
- Siblings (including foster brothers and sisters who live at the same address) currently attending Biggin Hill Primary School in the September of the year of their admission.
- Children who will be 3 the soonest in the academic year of their admission.

Pre-School places are subject to availability and staffing ratios.

2 YO Ratio 5:1 3/4 YO Ratio 8:1 On completion of your returned application form you will be placed on a waiting list and contacted by the Pre-School Manager to confirm requested start date and attendance pattern. At this point a provisional verbal confirmation of start date may be offered, and if in agreement written confirmation will follow. If the Pre-School is oversubscribed you will be offered the opportunity to be placed on our waiting list. When a place becomes available, parents/carers of a child at the top of the waiting list will be contacted and offered a place according to the spaces available. If the parent/carer concerned no longer wishes to take up a place, the parent/carer of the next suitable child on the list will be contacted.

The main intake for Biggin Hill Pre-School takes place in September along with the new academic year and therefore there are very limited opportunities for enrollment during the academic year. Any in year admissions are subject to availability and follow our admission and waiting list criteria. Biggin Hill Pre-School are unable to guarantee or reserve spaces for in-year admissions; these spaces will only be filled by children on a current waiting list or those wishing to be placed on a waiting list for potential availability.

Parents/carers who accept a place will need to pay a deposit of £50 in order to secure the place (this should be paid via ParentPay). This will be refunded when your child progresses to primary education or leaves the setting giving the requested 4 weeks written notice. (Please note if you are in financial difficulty Biggin Hill Primary do not want the deposit to prevent your child in accessing it's free childcare entitlement. All financial issues will be treated with the utmost discretion, please make us aware at the time of application.)

All funded and paid sessions must be booked in advance and any changes or withdrawal of places must be made in writing. Parents/Carers are not obliged to give notice for funded hours, however, if parents/carers decide to remove their child from the setting mid year - we respectfully ask that you give as much notice as possible.

Regular booked paid sessions are subject to a 4 week term time notice period.

Ad hoc paid sessions require a week's notice and are subject to availability.

#### Prior to a child attending Biggin Hill Primary Pre- School, parents/carers must:

- Give a copy of the child's birth certificate
- Complete and sign a Parent Contract stating the hours your child attends. This is an agreement to allow us to claim the government funded place
- Sign our terms and conditions in our admission form. These forms provide the setting with personal details relating to the child. For example, name, date of birth, address, emergency contact details, parental responsibilities, dietary requirements, collection arrangements, fees and sessions, contact details for parents/carers, doctor's contact details, health visitor contact details, allergies, parental consent and vaccinations etc

**Providing government funded places** - 2 year old funding, universal 15 hours and extended entitlement (30 hours).

All funded sessions are in line with the Government's Statutory Guidance and Local Authority requirements. When you register your child for their funded place, we will discuss your needs, and as far as possible with availability and staffing arrangements we will accommodate your wishes. We will try to accommodate hours needed or if changes to hours are needed, but this should be booked in advance.

## Biggin Hill Primary Pre-School Free Offer & charges for additional time and/or consumables.

All settings registered to accept government funding must have a free offer for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. Blggin Hill Pre-School offer is:-

Funded Places for 2, 3 & 4 year old funding				
	2 year old funding		3&4 Univ 15 hours	30hours
Free Offer – available Monday to Friday & 38 weeks of the year Term time only	Free Offer – available Monday to Friday & 38 weeks of the year Term time only		Free Offer – available Monday to Friday & 38 weeks of the year Term time only	9:10am - 3:10 pm (Not including Consumables) 30hrs with Early Start. 8:50am - 3:10pm (Including Consumables)
Charges				
Consumables*	AM session £0		AM session £0	Full day £0 To be Removed
Early Morning	Before and after school club offered by BHPS 3YO Only			
Additional hours	£17 per Session/ £39 for 1 whole day			
Standard Day Rate	8:50am - 3:10pm = £39			
*Consumables are:- healthy snacks and drinks (water and milk), tissues, sanitation products. If parents/carers want to bring in their own consumables, they should request more detailed information about what they will need to provide.				
Flexible Options:	<u> </u>			
Standard Daily Rate		8:50am to 3:10pm £39		
Am/ Pm Session Bridging Fee			£5	
Early Start Fee		£5		

#### **Pre School Hours**

**AM Session** 08:50 to 11:50

**Lunch Session** 11:50 to 12:10

**PM Session** 12:10 to 15.10

**FEE 30 Hours offer** 09:10 to 15:10 (Parent to provide consumables)

Early start with FEE offer 08:50 to 15:10 (consumables provided) £5 per Day

All day sessions are available for 2YO/15Hr funded children with a £5 per Day (consumables provided)