

## SECTION 2: NURSERY EDUCATION

### 2.1 How do you apply for a place at a Local Authority Nursery?

**There are a limited number of places available at nurseries of local authority maintained schools on a part-time (mornings or afternoons) basis. Some schools will be able to extend this part time place by offering 'wrap around care' for which parents/carers would be expected to pay.**

You can apply for a place by contacting the Headteacher of the school. It is advisable to contact the school as soon as possible after the child's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

Some priority is given to children with additional needs or according to family circumstances.

Children will not usually be admitted to a nursery class in September unless they have reached the age of three by the 31st August previous to this. However, if there are places available, or if the child has a Statement of Special Educational Needs, they may be able to start earlier than this:

- those 3 before the 31st December may be able to start the following January.
- those 3 before the 31st March may be able to start the following April,

**It should be noted that admission to a nursery class is quite separate from admission to the main school.**

**Consequently:**

- **there is no guarantee that a child in a nursery class will have a place in the reception class of the same school, especially since nursery classes serve an area which extends beyond the catchment area of the school;**
- **the school cannot insist that children attending the nursery follow on to the main school**

### 2.2 Which schools offer nursery provision?

<b>School</b>	<b>Telephone number</b>	<b>No of places</b>
Bewdley, Bewdley Primary School	01299 403796	26
Bromsgrove, Catshill First School and Nursery	01527 872913	26
Bromsgrove, Charford First School	01527 873778	39
Bromsgrove, Sidemoor First School and Nursery	01527 872271	26
Droitwich, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School	01905 773572	13
Droitwich, Westlands First School	01905 772740	26
Droitwich, Wychbold First School and Nursery	01527 861421	13
Evesham, Harvington C.E. First School	01386 870412	13
Hagley, Belbroughton C.E. Primary School	01562 730205	13
Kidderminster, Birchen Coppice Primary School	01562 823582	26
Kidderminster, Comberton Primary School	01562 754704	26
Kidderminster, Cookley Sebright Primary School	01562 850397	13
Kidderminster, Foley Park Primary School	01562 823857	13
Kidderminster, Franche Primary School	01562 751788	26
Kidderminster, Offmore Primary School	01562 753934	26
Kidderminster, Sutton Park Primary School	01562 67742	13
Kidderminster, St. George's C.E. Primary School and Nursery	01562 824206	13
Kidderminster, St. Mary's C.E. Primary School	01562 824327	13
Kidderminster, St. Oswald's C.E. Primary School	01562 751056	13

<b>School</b>	<b>Telephone number</b>	<b>No of places</b>
Malvern, Great Malvern Primary School	01684 574219	26
Malvern Hills Primary School	01684 575179	13
Malvern, Grove Primary School	01684 574770	26
Malvern, St Matthias C.E. Primary School	01684 574984	13
Malvern, Somers Park Primary School	01684 572949	26
Pershore, Abbey Park First School	01386 552722	13
Redditch, Abbeywood First School	01527 63007	13
Redditch, Oak Hill First School	01527 528523	39
Redditch, Batchley First School	01527 62926	26
Redditch, Holyoakes Field First School	01527 62928	26
Redditch, Matchborough First School	01527 525427/523287	26
Redditch, Moons Moat First School	01527 61498	26
Redditch, Roman Way First School	01527 528111	26
Redditch, St. George's C.E. First School	01527 62263	26
Redditch, St. Stephen's C.E. First School	01527 63911	13
Redditch, Woodrow First School	01527 527619	26
Rubery, Beaconside Primary and Nursery School	0121 453 3801	13
Rubery, Holywell Primary and Nursery School	0121 453 7829	26
Rubery, Lickey Hills Primary School	0121 445 1992	13
Stourport, Burlish Park Primary School	01299 823771	26
Stourport, Wilden All Saints' CE Primary School	01299 822638	13
Stourport, St Bartholomew's Primary School	01299 823135	26
Tenbury CE Primary School	01584 810234	26
Worcester, Cranham Primary School	01905 452437	26
Worcester, Dines Green Primary School	01905 423228	13
Worcester, Fairfield Community Primary	01905 25261	13
Worcester, Gorse Hill Community Primary School	01905 23159	26
Worcester, Red Hill Primary	01905 352524	13
Worcester, Perry Wood Infants' School	01905 354800	26
Worcester, St. Clement's C.E. Primary School	01905 423861	13
Worcester, Stanley Road Primary School	01905 355043	26
Worcester, Warndon Primary School	01905 452589	26
Wythall, The Coppice Primary School	01564 826709	26
Wythall, Meadow Green Primary School	01564 823495	26
<b>Nursery School</b>		
Evesham Nursery School	01386 423118	26

### **2.3 Oversubscription Criteria**

**If the demand for nursery places in a local authority nursery attached to a school exceeds those available, the following criteria will be used to allocate places.**

- children with additional needs\*, with priority given to those who meet the County Council criteria for statutory assessment;
- children from within the catchment area. (This information is available from the individual school concerned);
- date of birth, with older three-year-old children being given priority for available places.  
Children younger than the age of 3 will not be admitted.

### **\*Additional needs**

*Those children whose needs are monitored by the LA or external support agencies. Needs may be physical / emotional / social or intellectual. The decision to be taken by the Local Authority in consultation with the Headteacher, SENCO and early years teacher/co-ordinator.*

### **2:4 Other provision for children under the age of 5**

**Free early education places are also available at other settings. Children can have a free place at one or more settings that are registered with the Local Authority. These include:**

- Pre-schools
- Playgroups
- Private nurseries
- Independent (private) schools
- Childminders who are part of an accredited network

**If a child attends a Local Authority nursery they cannot receive a free place at any other setting.**

The following dates confirm when three year olds are entitled to a free place.

**Children who are three between; will receive a free place from the following**

1 April and 31 August	September
1 September and 31 December	January
1 January and 31 March	April

This continues until the child starts full-time education (or for those attending independent schools, the term following the child's fifth birthday).

**Children are entitled to 15 hours per week of free early education for 38 weeks of the year, free of charge. These hours must be taken over a minimum of 3 days in one week.**

**If children attend more than this, parents will be required to pay fees. Parents will need to ask settings about their fees.**

By law, children must be receiving full time education the term following their fifth birthday.

In Worcestershire, children can usually start school earlier than this, although this is optional. You will not risk losing an allocated place if you choose to delay entry, providing the place is taken up in the same school year. This must be discussed with your chosen school. Your child can have their free early education place until they start full-time education.

**For more information and for a list of settings that are registered to offer free places, contact the Family Information Service on 01905 790560, or e-mail [familyinfo@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@worcestershire.gov.uk)**

**The Family Information Service can also provide information and advice about out of school childcare, activity clubs and family support services. Advice is offered on issues such as how to choose childcare, tax credits and working with children.**

