

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Admission

We welcome visits by prospective parents and carers. It allows you to see at first-hand how the school is organised, and to visit classrooms in action. Prospective parents/carers are invited to attend our regular open mornings. The Headteacher and other members of the school community will be pleased to show you round the school and tell you about the school and nursery, answering any questions you may have.

Children are invited to visit with their parents or carers in the term before they start, in order to see their new school and meet the teachers and support staff. Enrolment forms are completed, which give us essential details and helps to settle in your child successfully. Where possible, the reception teachers also visit the children in the nursery they are attending to see them operating in an environment in which they are familiar.

Criteria for Admission to Bonneville Primary School

We can take up to 60 children in each year group. We do advise you to contact the school soon after your child's second birthday to fill in an application form for admission into our nursery.

Lambeth now deal with applications for school places and you should apply directly to them. Places are allocated in the following order according to Lambeth's admission policy:

1. brothers and sisters of children already in the school
2. children living in any defined priority area
3. children living in the area of the Authority for whom it is the nearest County school
4. children living outside the area of the Authority for whom it is the nearest County school
5. remaining children who apply for places Nearness to schools will be measured on a large scale map of the area. For this purpose, measurement will be over the shortest walking distance using a route lit by street lighting.

In exceptional circumstances, the Headteacher has discretion to admit children on the grounds of their acute medical or social needs who would otherwise not qualify for admission, in consultation with the Divisional Education Officer.

When parents/carers apply for a place at a particular school, their child's name will be put on the school's application list. However, it is important that parents/carers realise that the length of time a child's name is on an application list does not give the child priority over later applicants with a stronger claim to a place in terms of the criteria listed previously.

Criteria for Admission to Nursery

All children are entitled to 15 hours FREE Nursery provision.

Full time places are available to all pupils with a Top Up fee bookable in advance. Please enquire at the school for up to date costings.

Some FREE full time places are available if children meet the following criteria;

1. Children who are looked after, or who have an allocated social worker who has written support of the need for a full-time place as part of the Child's Plan at that school.
2. Children who are recommended a full-time place by a Team Around the Child (TAC), Locality or Disability Panel.
3. Children in circumstances where the Headteacher considers a full-time place should be provided. To ensure quality across the borough the following criteria must be met first:
 - (a) children who are eligible for free school meals
 - (b) evidence to demonstrate that home circumstances could significantly affect a child's well being

Note: *Children who are accepted into the Nursery do not have an automatic right to a place in our Reception classes.*