

Frequently Asked Questions about Admissions

How many schools do I need to put on the application?

You will be able to add a maximum of 6 schools on your application, we recommend you put down at least 3 schools in order of preference.

What happens if I don't get allocated a place at my first choice school?

We suggest that you accept whichever school you are offered and then contact admissions to be placed on the waiting list for your preferred school. There is always some movement between the places being offered out in April to when the children start school in September.

Can I choose the class that my child goes into?

We work hard with the nurseries that the children are coming from to ensure that they have a smooth transition into school life. We do not offer parents a choice of class, however whichever class they are placed in for their Reception year they will still be able to play with any friends that they have in the other class during their school day due to the free flow nature of our reception classes and the shared outdoor space.

Will my child start full time straight away?

We introduce children via a staggered start. The first 3 days will be half days, then we invite the children to stay for lunch and then the next day will be a full day. All children will be attending full time within the first week regardless of when their birthday falls. If you are worried about your child starting full time straight away then this can be discussed, however experience shows us that the children adapt very quickly to being in school all day.

What do you have in place to help my child settle into school?

In previous years we have offered a starting school club in the summer term and again in the Autumn term prior to the children starting school. These afternoons are an opportunity for the children and their parents to come into school. The children will spend some time in their new classroom with their teacher and classmates and the parents will attend an information session in the school hall where we will give you all the details you need about your child starting school with us ie uniform, school meals, learning, attendance.

If you have any other questions we would be happy to answer them for you – please take a look through the rest of the website as this is full of important information and links for you.

Alternatively, please contact the school office on 01784 455022 or email us at info@bucklandprimary.surrey.sch.uk and we will answer your queries.