

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery

Westfield Road, Margate, Kent CT9 5PA



NURSERY ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Academic Year 2026/27

Children entering Nursery (the term after a child's third birthday)

The Governing Board of the school is the admitting authority and is responsible for determining and administering the policy relating to the admission of pupils to the nursery.

The school offers 52 places, 26 per morning and afternoon sessions within our nursery.

Children are admitted on the same basis as Kent County Council's Admissions "entry into year R" admissions criteria. *Please see details below and for full details see our Admissions Arrangements for children entering Year R (the year of a child's 5th birthday).*

Determined Oversubscription Criteria for the Nursery at Garlinge Primary School and Nursery:

If the number of preferences for the nursery is more than the number of spaces available, places will be allocated in the following priority order:

- **Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children –**

A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

A previously looked after child means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England internationally adopted previously looked after children or IAPLAC if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

- **Current Family Association** – a brother or sister in the same nursery at the time of entry where the family continue to live at the same address as when the sibling was admitted – or – if they have moved – live within 2 miles of the school, or have moved to a property that is nearer to the nursery than the previous property as defined by the 'Nearness' criterion.

In this context brother or sister means children who live as brother and sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters.

- **Health and Special Access Reasons** – Medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally, this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians' physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical, or other, practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school.

- **Nearness of children's homes to school** **Nearness of children's homes to school** – We use the distance between the child's permanent home address (defined in KCC's annual admissions prospectus) and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the

child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for the school, these straight-line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school. Where applications are made from properties or abodes that are not registered to the NLPG, including new build properties, KCC may be required to use planning sites or other relevant co-ordinates. In exceptional circumstances where alternative co-ordinates are not available, measurements will be determined by a Senior Admissions Officer and confirmed by Head of Service.

Children start our Nursery the term following their 3rd birthday, Term 1 (September), Term 3 (January) or Term 5 (April). For example, a child with a date of birth of 1st March would start in our Nursery in Term 5.

We are unable to admit children midway through a term.

A waiting list will be held for at each of the three terms of the academic year in oversubscription criteria order. The waiting list will be re-ranked, in line with the oversubscription criteria, every time a child is added.

Parents whose children are offered a place will be sent a letter inviting them to school to meet with the teacher.

The meeting will consist of:

- Family meet and greet
- Tour of our Nursery
- Establish the child's needs
- Establish which sessions and days are required

Nursery Sessions (3 hours per session)

Mornings	8:45am to 11:45am
Afternoons	12:30pm to 3:30pm

Children are funded for up to 15 hours per week by the Local Authority and 30 hours if eligible. A Parental Declaration Form must be completed to secure funding.

Entrance forms will be given to parents to complete and return with their child's birth certificate and evidence of where they live prior to admission.

Policy adopted by Governing Body on _____

To be reviewed _____

Signed by Executive Headteacher _____

Signed by Chair of Governors _____