



Jesson's Church of England Primary School Time for Twos and Nursery Admissions

*(Taken from Dudley's Determined Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary
Controlled Maintained Nursery Schools and Classes, September 2025)*

First priority shall be given to children who are:

- 1) In the care of the Local Authority (Looked after Child/ren) or provided with accommodation by them under section 22 of the Children Act 1989. In addition, priority is also given to children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangement, or special guardianship order. (See notes below).
- 2) Known by the LA to have additional educational needs/disability as defined by the Children Act 1989 or the Education Act 1996 and whose needs can be best met at the preferred maintained nursery – (applications made under this criterion would need to be supported by a recommendation from DMBC SEND Service, Integrated Early Years Service (IEYS), Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired or Physical Impairment and Medical Inclusion Services - PIMIS). Or is a child that is currently subject to a child protection plan or child in need process or has an Early Help Plan in place. An Early Help Plan (EHP) provides a method for assessing needs for children and young people and their family to support earlier intervention and to improve joint working between professionals and practitioners who support the individual child or young person. An EHP will improve the co-ordination and consistency of and between assessments leading to fewer and shorter specialist assessments.
- 3) A child with a long-term physical or mental impairment or who has a life limiting progressive condition, where the Directorate of Children's Services is satisfied that attendance at the preferred maintained nursery will meet the needs of the child's condition rather than any other maintained nursery, after reasonable adjustments have been implemented (Parents must provide supportive information from their child's Paediatrician or specialist Consultant (medical), at the time of application in order to be considered under this criteria). This supportive information should include information about the needs of the child and should detail the difficulties the child would experience if they had to attend another maintained nursery. Parents should also indicate why the preferred maintained nursery is the most appropriate to meet their child's condition rather than any other maintained nursery. (The school will not seek to obtain this evidence on behalf of parents.)
- 4) Children who will have an elder brother/sister, half-brother/sister or stepbrother/sister attending the school/nursery at the requested time of entry. Children must reside at the same home address during the school week. (The definition of brother or sister also relates to adopted or fostered children living at the same home address).
- 5) Any remaining places will be filled according to those children who live closest to the preferred maintained nursery. Distances will be calculated in a straight-line from the home address to the main entrance of the school's nursery class.

In all cases priority will be given to children who will enter primary school in the following academic year (2025/2026), over children who will enter primary school in the next academic year (2026/2027).

Oversubscription

In the event of oversubscription in any category, priority will be given to children who will enter primary school in the following academic year (2025/2026), over children who will enter primary school in the next academic year (2026/2027). The distance (straight line) between the home address and the main entrance of the school will be with priority being given to those living the closest. The home address is considered to be the child's (along with their parents') genuine principal place of residence at the time of the allocation of places i.e. where they are normally and regularly living. If a child is resident with friends or relatives (for reasons other than guardianship), the friends' or relatives' address will not be considered for allocation purposes.

If your child attends Time for Twos, this will not guarantee a Nursery place. The admissions policy will be followed.

If your child attended Nursery, this will not guarantee a Reception place. Parents must apply to Dudley Local Authority - <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-admissions/primary-reception-intake/>