

**ADMISSION TO MAINTAINED NURSERY CLASSES  
AT PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE  
SEPTEMBER 2011**

In South Gloucestershire the Council maintains nursery classes at the following schools:

Barley Close  
St John's Mead  
Staple Hill

The arrangements for allocating places at these nursery classes will be managed by the schools. Applications for places in September 2011 must be received by the closing date of 6 June 2011. Applications received after that date will not be considered until all applications which were received before the deadline have been dealt with.

If the nursery class for which you have applied is over-subscribed (that is, more applications have been received than there are places), places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order set out.

1. Children in Public Care

The child resides in South Gloucestershire and is looked after by a Local Authority within the meaning of Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.

2. Children with SEN/Health Priorities

The child resides in South Gloucestershire and has been identified by the Department for Children and Young People as having special educational needs or health needs which are greater than most other children of that age, and indicate that the child would benefit from early integration.

Confirmation of the child's priority will be via the Senior Education Psychologist (Early Years), who will co-ordinate advice from Educational Psychologists and the Health Authorities.

3. Children with Social Needs

The child resides in South Gloucestershire and has significant social needs compared with most other children of that age.

Confirmation of the child's priority will be via Children's Social Services and will be co-ordinated by the Senior Education Psychologist (Early Years).

4. Siblings (younger brothers and sisters)

The child resides in South Gloucestershire and is a sibling of an older child who will be continuing in attendance at the nursery class applied for in September 2011.

Siblings are defined as: full or half brother or sister; or, adoptive brother or sister; or, children of the same household.

5. Other Children Resident in South Gloucestershire

For other children residing in South Gloucestershire who will have reached the age of 3 by 31 August 2011, PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED BY DRAWING LOTS. Only one application per child to one nursery class can be made. Lots will be drawn by an appropriate person who plays no part in nursery class or school admissions.

6. Younger Three Year Old South Gloucestershire Children

For other children residing in South Gloucestershire who will reach the age of 3 during the Autumn Term 2011 or Spring Term 2012, if applications exceed the number of places available, lots will be drawn as described in Section 5 above. Only one application per child to one nursery class can be made.

7. Children Resident in Other Local Authority Areas

Any remaining places will be allocated to children living outside South Gloucestershire who will have reached the age of 3 by 31 August 2011.

NOTES:

1. Twins: in the case of all the priority categories for admission set out in 1-7 above, where one child can be admitted a twin brother or sister will normally also be admitted if the parent wishes. A separate application must be completed for each twin. The same procedure will apply to children of multiple births.
2. These three nursery classes are maintained by South Gloucestershire Council but, in line with Government requirements, funding must be based on a clear and consistent local formula for all nursery classes and nursery settings. In particular finance is on the basis of the number of places filled.
3. The details of sessions available will be determined by each nursery class.
4. It will not normally be possible to reserve places for admission at a date later than September. Applications for places later than September will be considered in the light of vacancies available.
5. Parents of eligible 3 and 4 year old children will be entitled to 15 hours per week of free early years provision for 38 weeks of the year.
6. Nursery settings maintained by private, voluntary or independent providers may have their own admission arrangements, even where they are located on a school or Council site. Parents should check with the nursery class(es) concerned.
7. If any details of your application change (e.g. home address) after you have returned your form, or if your child no longer requires a place, please contact the nursery class concerned.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ADMISSION TO A NURSERY CLASS ATTACHED TO A SCHOOL IN NO WAY GUARANTEES A PLACE IN RECEPTION AT THAT SCHOOL. APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION PLACES MUST BE MADE FOR EACH CHILD AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.