



St John's Mead School

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# ADMISSIONS - POLICY

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**1 INTRODUCTION**

This policy document explains the policy used by the local council to provide provision for school placement at infant and nursery school

**2 POLICY STATEMENT - ADMISSION TO THE INFANT SCHOOL**

South Gloucestershire Council has a policy of 3 years of Infant Education and children are eligible for admission to school at the beginning of the school year in which they are 5 years of age. Children are not legally required to attend school until they are of compulsory school age. Compulsory school age is the term after their fifth birthday. Most children are admitted in September but they can be admitted in January or April if parents prefer. Admissions to this school during the Autumn Term are phased in up to the half term holiday

The Local Authority is responsible for the allocation of places and more detailed information, especially about the LA's criteria for allocating places in oversubscribed schools, is contained in the application form provided by South Gloucestershire Council. Names of children starting school should be submitted to South Gloucestershire Council in the September of the year before the child is due to start.

Parents are welcome to visit the school before making a decision about which school they would like their child to attend.

In the Summer Term prior to the child starting school, there is a meeting for the parents of the new entrants and an opportunity for the children to visit the school and meet their class teacher.

If your child is already attending school and you have moved to this area, please contact the school to arrange a visit.

**3 POLICY STATEMENT - ADMISSION TO THE NURSERY CLASS**

Nursery classes are provided for children aged 3 - 4. The provision is only open in term time and all places offered are part time. South Gloucestershire Council maintains the nursery class attached to this school and is responsible for the allocation of places. The Headteacher has discretion as to which group the child is assigned to.

Application forms for a place in the nursery class and details of the Council's admission criteria are available from the school office during the Autumn Term of the year before the child is old enough to attend.

Parents should note that admission to the nursery class at St John's Mead does not mean there is an automatic right of continued education in the same school.