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Admission to Nursery at Castle Bromwich Infant and Nursery School 2026-2027

Children can be admitted into Nursery the term following their 2nd birthday. Applications are open all year round, if places are not available your child will be placed on our waiting list.

We try our best to meet parents/carers' request, however, sometimes there may be more applications for a particular intake than there are places. Applications are subject to the admissions criteria to decide who is offered a place. Children who attend our 2-year-old provision will be offered first refusal in our 3-year-old provision the following year.

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), that names the nursery will be offered a place. This may reduce the number of places available to other applicants.

At CBINS we have provision for full time nursery places for both 2 and 3 year olds (9.00 – 3.00pm) using the 30 hour extended funding. Please visit the government webpage to check for eligibility – www.gov.co.uk. We also have provision for part time nursery places for 2 year olds (9am-12pm) for 15 hours funding and for 3 year olds (12.30pm – 3.30pm) using the universal 15 hours funding. Please note that if a 30-hour extended funding code is not obtained prior to the September start or at any point during the academic year this expires your child's full-time place may be withdrawn and a part time place will be offered if places are available.

Admissions Criteria

Priority 1	Looked after children or children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order). Children who have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted ("IAPLAC" internationally adopted previously looked after children)
Priority 2	Children who will have an older brother or sister attending the school at the same time. (See notes for definition of a sibling).
Priority 3	Children living in the catchment area of the school (catchment areas can be seen on the council's online maps link) https://www.solihull.gov.uk/onlinemaps. Based on the distance to school.
Priority 4	Children living outside the catchment area based on their distance from home to school measured using the council's online maps.
Priority 5	Applications received after the closing date (Late Applications). With the exception of late application where the child has an education, health and care plan or meets priority 1 or 2.

How to apply

The online application form is available on the school website https://www.cbins.solihull.sch.uk/

All completed applications should be submitted using the timetable below:

Opening Date	Closing Date	Offer Date	Acceptance Date	Start Date
4th November 2025	20th February 2026	30th April 2026	29th May 2026	September 2026

Outcome

Parents will be notified of the outcome of their application by email on the offer date above. If you have any queries relating to the nursery applications please email: nurseryadmissions@cbins.solihull.sch.uk.

Accepting your place

Parents/carers will need to accept the place on or before the acceptance date shown above and please present a copy of the child's birth certificate at that time (Birth certificates will not be retained). Places that have not been accepted will be offered to the next child on the list. To complete your child's application, the school will need to have sight of proof of address and the child's birth certificate before they start.

Notes

1. Attendance at the nursery will not guarantee admission to our reception class or give any advantage to your child's application for reception. Parents/carers must apply for a reception place through their home local authority.

2. Definition of a sibling:

   A brother or sister must live at the same address and could be:

   - A brother or sister sharing the same parents;
   - a half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one parent;
   - a stepbrother or stepsister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage or civil partnership (a formal arrangement that gives same-sex couples the same legal status as married couples);
   - the separate children of couples who live together; or an adopted or fostered brother or sister.

3. The home address is the place where the child is permanently resident with his or her parents/carers. When a child lives between two addresses we will use the address of the parent who is in receipt of Child Benefit.

4. If we cannot distinguish between two applicants because the criterion and distance is the same, for example, children in the same block of flats then the child or children who will be offered will be randomly selected by drawing lots.

5. Unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list in priority order according to the oversubscription criteria. If a place becomes available the child at the top of the list will be offered the place.

6. There is no statutory right of appeal for admission to a nursery setting. Any disputes over the administration of the policy will be dealt with by the school's complaints procedure.