



# **Admissions to nursery schools and classes**

## **Information for Parents**

**Wigan Council**

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## Introduction

The Government provides free nursery education for all 3 and 4 year olds. In addition to the places available in local authority nursery classes attached to primary schools and in the two nursery schools, Wigan Council's school places team works with a wide variety of nursery providers in the voluntary, private and independent sectors. This helps us to ensure that there are enough places available and that the quality of nursery education meets national standards. Ofsted inspects all services that deliver nursery education. Ofsted is the Government's regulatory authority and all private, voluntary and independent nurseries have to be registered with them.

Please contact the customer service contact centre 01942 486960 to get further information about:

- your child's free nursery provision, or
- to find out where registered nursery providers are.

All 3 and 4 year old children are now entitled to 15 hours of free nursery provision each week. We have places in local authority (LA) nurseries for about 60% of pre-school children. This information explains how to apply for a place at one of these nurseries.

In many nurseries there is a wide choice available so that children can be at nursery during hours that suit parents and enable them to go to work or take up training. In some nurseries parents can buy additional hours and some nurseries also provide extra services such as before and after school care and holiday care. These additional services are charged at competitive rates. Individual nurseries can provide you with more information about this.

A small number of places are available for 2 year olds and the number of places is set to increase over the next few years. Places will not be available for every 2 year old and criteria will be applied. To see if your child is eligible for a place you can ask at your nearest children's centre.

We have 20 children's centres across the borough. All but one of these are based on a school site (see pages 4-12 for details). Children's centres offer services for young children and their parents, often providing for babies and toddlers too.

## Transferring from nursery to primary school

The law says that children must start school at the start of the term after their fifth birthday at the latest. But in Wigan borough, we currently provide a school place from the beginning of the school year in which your child turns five.

**There is no guarantee that a child who has a place in a nursery will automatically get a place at the school to which the nursery is attached.**

## **Places in nursery schools and classes**

If your child is three on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August, they can be considered for a nursery place beginning in September.

At local authority nurseries:

- All children receive 15 hours free nursery provision each week.
- Although nurseries have traditionally offered half day sessions, increasingly they will be offering the free hours flexibly to meet family needs. For example, you may choose morning sessions, afternoon sessions or a combination of morning and afternoon sessions or full days (subject to availability).
- The place is normally for the year before your child starts school, but if space is available, some children may start sooner.
- In some nurseries you can buy additional hours on top of the free sessions you receive.

## **How to apply for a nursery place**

Pages 4-12 list Wigan borough nursery schools and classes. You can register your child's name for a nursery class or school as soon as they are two years old.

If you want a place for your child in September, you should complete an admissions form. You can get this from:

- the School Placements Team at Progress House, Westwood Park Drive, Wigan WN3 4HH. Phone 01942 486037, 486038 or 486039;

or

- the Headteacher of the school – see pages 4-12.

When you have completed your form:

- Return it to the Headteacher by the date set by the school.
- Let the school see your child's birth certificate.

## **Allocation of places**

In the first instance, priority will be given to children living within Wigan borough.

## Admission criteria to local authority nursery classes or nursery schools

1. Children looked after by the local authority (in care).
2. Children identified by the local authority as having learning difficulties or a disability greater than most other children and who will benefit from early integration. The referral of such children will be via the Special Needs Section.
3. Children with particular social, medical or language needs.

**Please note:** Appropriate objective evidence will need to be supplied in support of the three categories above and referral would normally be via professional agencies.

It is also envisaged that the total number of places allocated according to the criteria above would form only a relatively small proportion of the total number of children attending the nursery.

4. Priority should be given to the 'Rising 4' cohort, in order to maximise the opportunities for children to receive at least one year of nursery education before starting school. The majority of places will be allocated to this cohort of children.
5. Distance from the school – this is measured in a straight line distance between the child's permanent residence and a central point in the nursery.

This criteria would be applied to the entire 'Rising 4' cohort after application of categories 2 and 3.

The criteria will automatically apply in all community/voluntary controlled nursery schools/classes. Criteria for admission at voluntary aided nursery schools is the responsibility of the governors. You will need to check with the headteacher whether or not the criteria are different to those above.

If places remain available after the main intake, further places will be allocated at two points in the academic year according to the children's birth dates as follows:

Dates of Birth	Eligible for Admission
1 <sup>st</sup> September – 31 <sup>st</sup> December	1 <sup>st</sup> January
1 <sup>st</sup> January – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Start of Summer Term (after Easter)

## List of nursery schools/units

### Community and voluntary controlled

<p><b>Hindley Sure Start Nursery and Children's Centre</b> Mornington Road, Hindley, Wigan</p> <p>At this Children's Centre, in addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours. Parents can access information and a range of activity sessions are operating for children and families.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 120 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs R Lewis</p> <p>Phone: 01942 776131</p>
<p><b>Ashton in Makerfield R L Hughes Primary</b> Mayfield Street, Ashton, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs L Carroll</p> <p>Phone: 01942 701147</p>
<p><b>Atherton Meadowbank Nursery and Children's Centre</b> Formby Avenue, Atherton, Manchester</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision there is a Children's Centre on site. A private nursery works in partnership with the school and additional childcare services, including provision for 0-3s, is available at competitive rates. Parents can access information and a range of activity sessions are operating for children and families.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs M Middlehurst</p> <p>Phone: 01942 874271</p>

<p><b>Atherton Parklee Community Primary</b> Wardour Street, Atherton, Manchester</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs M Ridsdale</p> <p>Phone: 01942 874203</p>
<p><b>Golborne Community Primary and Children's Centre</b> Talbot Street, Golborne, Warrington</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision there is a Children's Centre on site. A private nursery works in partnership with the school and additional childcare services, including provision for 0-3s, is available at competitive rates. Parents can access information and a range of activity sessions are operating for children and families.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr P Ryan</p> <p>Phone: 01942 726059</p>
<p><b>St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School</b> Queensway, Higher Folds, Leigh</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, this school is a partner in the Bedford and Higher Folds Children's Centre. Parents can access information and a range of activity sessions are operating for children and families.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Executive Headteacher: Mrs M Naylor</p> <p>Phone: 01942 769712</p>
<p><b>Leigh Westleigh Methodist Primary School and Children's Centre</b> Westleigh Lane, Leigh</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, there is a Children's Centre on site. A private nursery works in partnership with the school and additional childcare services, including provision for 0-3s, is available at competitive rates. Parents</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs A Bowyer</p> <p>Phone: 01942 702967</p>

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<p><b>Orrell Newfold Community Primary</b> St James Road, Orrell, Wigan</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr P Edge</p> <p>Phone: 01942 207134</p>
<p><b>Shevington Community Primary and Children's Centre</b> Miles Lane, Shevington, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision there is a Children's Centre on site. Additional childcare services, including provision for 0-3s, is available at competitive rates. Parents can access information and a range of activity sessions are operating for children and families.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs V Adams</p> <p>Phone: 01257 252859</p>
<p><b>Beech Hill Community Primary and Children's Centre</b> Netherby Road, Beech Hill, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours. The school is a partner in the Beech Hill Children's Centre. Parents can access information and a range of activity sessions are operating for children and families.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs J Seddon</p> <p>Phone: 01942 243582</p>
<p><b>Leigh Bedford Hall Methodist Primary and Children's Centre</b> Breaston Avenue, Leigh</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours. The school is a partner in the Bedford</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs J Hewitt</p> <p>Phone: 01942 672614</p>

<p>and Higher Folds Children’s Centre. Parents can access information and a range of activity sessions are operating for children and families.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	
<p><b>Hindley Green Primary</b> Thomas Street, Hindley Green, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Executive Headteacher: Mrs S Bruton</p> <p>Phone: 01942 255406</p>
<p><b>Ince Britannia Bridge Primary</b> Parliament Street, Lower Ince, Wigan</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr D Donaldson</p> <p>Phone: 01942 760036</p>
<p><b>Tyldesley Primary School</b> Ennerdale Road, Astley, Tyldesley</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours. This school is the lead school for the Tyldesley Children’s Centre which is next to Tyldesley Clinic. Parents can access information and a range of activity sessions are operating for children and families.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs Y Brown</p> <p>Phone: 01942 882870</p>
<p><b>Tyldesley Garrett Hall Primary</b> Garrett Hall Lane, Tyldesley</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs L McArdle</p> <p>Phone: 01942 883340</p>

<p><b>Westfield Community School and Children's Centre</b> Montrose Avenue, Pemberton, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision there is a Children's Centre on site. A private nursery works in partnership with the school and additional childcare services, including provision for 0-3s, is available at competitive rates. Parents can access information and a range of activity sessions are operating for children and families.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr T Sherriff</p> <p>Phone: 01942 776007</p>
<p><b>Platt Bridge Community Primary and Children's Centre</b> Liverpool Road, Platt Bridge, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision there is a Children's Centre on site. A voluntary nursery provider works in partnership with the school and additional childcare services, including provision for 0-3s, is available at competitive rates. Parents can access information and a range of activity sessions are operating for children and families.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs S Darbyshire</p> <p>Phone: 01942 487999</p>
<p><b>Wigan Douglas Valley Early Years Centre (Nursery School)</b> Turner Street, Wigan</p> <p>At this Children's Centre, in addition to free nursery provision, parents can access wrap around care, full day care for babies, toddlers and pre-school children and holiday care at competitive rates. Parents can access information and a range of activity sessions are operating for children and families.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 104 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs C Arden</p> <p>Phone: 01942 322473</p>

<p><b>Wigan Marsh Green Primary</b> Kitt Green Road, Marsh Green, Wigan</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr P Duffy Phone: 01942 222016</p>
<p><b>Winstanley Community Primary</b> Tanhouse Drive, Winstanley, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs K A Jones Phone: 01942 749141</p>
<p><b>Worsley Mesnes Primary</b> Clifton Street, Worsley Mesnes, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs J Carroll Phone: 01942 776457</p>

### **Voluntary Aided (Church Schools)**

<p><b>Canon Sharples CE Primary</b> Whelley, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr R Mason Phone: 01942 776188</p>
<p><b>All Saints Catholic Primary</b> Hazel Grove, Golborne, Warrington</p> <p>In addition to free early years provision, this school has a range of childcare services available on site at competitive rates.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs M Middlehurst Phone: 01942 747655</p>

<p><b>Hindley All Saints CE Primary</b> Chapel Fields Lane, Hindley, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr K Ward</p> <p>Phone: 01942 255577</p>
<p><b>Ince CE Primary and Children's Centre</b> Charles Street, Ince, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision there is a Children's Centre on site. A private nursery works in partnership with the school and additional childcare services, including provision for 0-3s, is available at competitive rates. Parents can access information and a range of activity sessions are operating for children and families.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Miss J A Hyde</p> <p>Phone: 01942 245218</p>
<p><b>Holy Family Catholic Primary</b> Wigan Street, Platt Bridge, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs D Marsh</p> <p>Phone: 01942 704148</p>
<p><b>Wigan Sacred Heart Catholic Primary and Children's Centre</b> Springfield Road, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours. The school is a partner in the Beech Hill Children's Centre. Parents can access information and a range of activity sessions are operating for children and families.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr A Poskitt</p> <p>Phone: 01942 231478</p>

<p><b>Wigan St Patrick's Catholic Primary</b> Hardybutts, Scholes, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours. The school has a range of childcare services and parents can access wrap around care, full day care and holiday care at competitive rates.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs S Bruen</p> <p>Phone: 01942 244361</p>
<p><b>St William's Catholic Primary</b> Ince Green Lane, Ince, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr C Burke (from September Mrs Ellis)</p> <p>Phone: 01942 235782</p>
<p><b>Leigh St Peter's Primary School</b> Firs Lane, Leigh</p> <p>Some additional childcare services are available.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs P Jolley</p> <p>Phone: 01942 672601</p>
<p><b>Lowton St Mary's CE Primary</b> Newton Road, Lowton, Warrington</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours. A range of childcare services are available on site at competitive rates.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 90 places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs L Baker</p> <p>Phone: 01942 769710</p>
<p><b>Standish St Wilfrid's CE Primary</b> Rectory Lane, Standish, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours. This school is a partner in the Standish/Aspull Children's Centre. Parents can access information and a</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs J Kneale</p> <p>Phone: 01257 423992</p>

<p>range of activity sessions are operating for children and families.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum 60 part time places available</b></p>	
<p><b>Tyldesley St George's Central CE Primary</b> Darlington Street, Tyldesley</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs G Fisher/Mrs P Greenhalgh</p> <p>Phone: 01942 883773</p>
<p><b>Wigan St Aidan's Catholic Primary</b> Holmes House Avenue, Winstanley</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs C Mason</p> <p>Phone: 01942 223544</p>
<p><b>St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary</b> Golborne Road, Ashton in Makerfield</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs C Orrell</p> <p>Phone: 01942 707101</p>
<p><b>Highfield St Matthew's CE Primary</b> Billinge Road, Highfield, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery provision, parents can purchase additional hours.</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 60 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs E Tyrrell</p> <p>Phone: 01942 747818</p>
<p><b>St Jude's Catholic Primary</b> Worsley Mesnes Drive, Worsley Mesnes, Wigan WN3 5AN</p> <p><b>There are a maximum of 30 part time places available</b></p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs J Booth</p> <p>Phone: 01942 204091</p>