



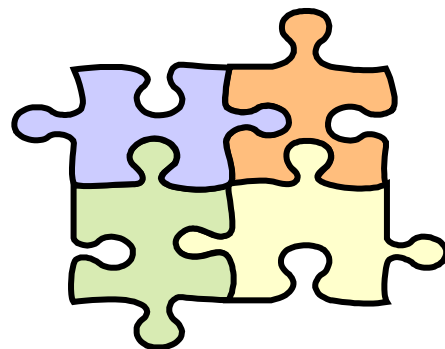
Children and Young People's Services

Admissions to nursery schools and classes

Information for Parents

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Introduction

The Government requires universal provision for all 3 and 4 year olds. In addition to the places provided by the Local Authority in nursery classes attached to primary schools and in the two nursery schools, we work with a wide variety of early education providers in the voluntary, private and independent sectors. This helps us to ensure that there are enough places available and that the quality of early education meets national standards. Ofsted inspects all services operating within the early education scheme. Ofsted is the Government's regulatory authority.

To get further information about

- your child's early education entitlement or
- to find out where the registered early education providers are

please contact the Children's Information Service on 01942 486960.

All 3 and 4 year old children are now entitled to 12.5 hours of free nursery education each week. We have places in Local Authority (LA) nurseries for about 60% of pre-school children. This leaflet explains how to apply for a place at one of these.

Some nurseries provide extra services such as wrap around care, full day care and holiday care. These additional services are charged at competitive rates. The individual nurseries can provide you with more information about this.

16 Children's Centres are currently under development across the borough. All but 1 of these is based on a school site. Children's Centres offer services for young children and their parents, often providing for babies and toddlers too. The sites are identified in the booklet but parents need to be aware that not all centres are fully operational yet.

Transfer 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, 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 31st August, they can be considered for a nursery place beginning in September.

At Local Authority nurseries:

- Places are part time, usually half day sessions, but increasingly nurseries will offer the 5 sessions over 2 ½ days or flexibly to meet family needs.
- The place is normally for the year before your child starts school
- If space is available, some children may start sooner.

How to apply for a nursery place

We have included a list of Wigan Authority nursery schools and classes in this leaflet. 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 our admissions form. You can get this from:

- The School Placements Team. The telephone numbers and address are on the front of this leaflet

Or

- The Headteacher of the school. Telephone number and addresses are on the list of nursery schools and classes.

When you have completed your form:

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

Allocation of places

In the first instance priority will be given to children residing within the Wigan Borough.

Admission criteria to nursery education

1. Children in public care.
2. Children identified by the LA as having learning difficulties or a disability greater than most other children and will benefit from early integration; the referral of such children will be via the Children and Young People's Services Special Needs section.
3. The child has particular social, medical or language needs.

NB Appropriate objective evidence will need to be supplied in support of the above and referral would normally be via other professional agencies.

It is also envisaged that the total number of places allocated according to these criteria 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 to be measured in a straight line distance between the child's permanent residence and a central point in the nursery.

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

These criteria will automatically apply in all Community/Voluntary Controlled Nursery Schools/classes. Criteria for Admission at Voluntary Aided Nursery Schools are the responsibility of the Governors. You will need to check with the Headteacher whether the criteria are different to those above.

However, 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 st September – 31 st December	1 st January
1 st January – 31 st March	Start of Summer Term

List of Nursery Schools/Units

Please note that from September 2008 most Wigan nursery classes will have slightly less places available due to changes in the law contained within the Childcare Act.

Community and Voluntary Controlled

<p>Hindley Sure Start Nursery & Children's Centre Mornington Road, Hindley, Wigan</p> <p>At this Children's Centre, in addition to free nursery education, parents can access wrap around care, full day care and holiday care at competitive rates and a range of free projects are operating for children and families.</p> <p>There are 120 part time places available</p>	<p>Acting Headteacher: Mrs N McDonagh Tel: 776131</p>
<p>Ashton in Makerfield R L Hughes Primary Mayfield Street, Ashton, Wigan</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs L Carroll Tel: 701147</p>
<p>Atherton Meadowbank Nursery & Children's Centre Formby Avenue, Atherton, Manchester</p> <p>In addition to free nursery education, this school hosts a Children's Centre, wrap around care and full day care. Services are due to be available at competitive rates and a range of free projects are operating for children and families.</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Acting Headteacher: Mrs M Middlehurst Tel: 874271</p>
<p>Atherton Parklee Community Primary Wardour Street, Atherton, Manchester</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs S A Roy Tel: 874203</p>

<p>Golborne Community Primary & Children's Centre Talbot Street, Golborne, Warrington</p> <p>In addition to free nursery education, this school hosts a Children's Centre. Provision for babies, wrap around care and full day care services are available at competitive rates and a range of free projects are operating for children and families.</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr P Ryan</p> <p>Tel: 726059</p>
<p>Leigh Higher Folds Primary School Queensway, Higher Folds, Leigh</p> <p>In addition to free nursery education, this school will be hosting some additional childcare facilities as a result of its association with the Bedford and Higher Folds Children's Centres. Provision for babies, wrap around care and full day care services will be available at competitive rates and a range of free projects for children and families will be operating across the area.</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Executive Headteacher: Mrs M Naylor</p> <p>Tel: 769712</p>
<p>Leigh Westleigh Methodist Primary & Children's Centre Westleigh Lane, Leigh</p> <p>In addition to free nursery education, there is a Children's Centre on site. Wrap around care and full day care services are due to be available at competitive rates and a range of free projects are operating for children and families.</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs A Bowyer</p> <p>Tel: 702967</p>

<p>Orrell Newfold Community Primary St James Road, Orrell, Wigan</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr G McArdle</p> <p>Tel: 207134</p>
<p>Shevington Community Primary & Children's Centre Miles Lane, Shevington, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery education, this school hosts a Children's Centre. Parents can access wrap around care, full day care and holiday care. Services are available at competitive rates and a range of free projects are operating for children and families.</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs V Adams</p> <p>Tel: 01257 252859</p>
<p>Beech Hill Community Primary & Children's Centre Netherby Road, Beech Hill, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery education, a shared Children's Centre is under development involving this school and Sacred Heart RC Primary School. Wrap around care and full day care services are due to be available at competitive rates and a range of free projects are already operating for children and families.</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs J Seddon</p> <p>Tel: 243582</p>

<p>Leigh Bedford Hall Methodist Primary & Children's Centre Breaston Avenue, Leigh</p> <p>In addition to free nursery education, this school has provision for babies, wrap around care and full day care services available at competitive rates. As a result of its association with the Bedford Children's Centre, this school will be hosting some additional childcare facilities, including a range of free projects for children and families.</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs B J Hatch</p> <p>Tel: 672614</p>
<p>Hindley Green Primary Thomas Street, Hindley Green, Wigan</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs S J Bray</p> <p>Tel: 255406</p>
<p>Ince Britannia Bridge Primary Parliament Street, Lower Ince, Wigan</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Acting Headteacher: Mr D Donaldson</p> <p>Tel: 760036</p>
<p>Tyldesley Primary School Ennerdale Road, Astley, Tyldesley</p> <p>In addition to free nursery education, this school will be hosting some additional childcare facilities, including a range of free projects for children and families as its association with Tyldesley Children's Centre develops.</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Acting Headteacher: Mr P Edge</p> <p>Tel: 882870</p>
<p>Tyldesley Garrett Hall Primary Garrett Hall Lane, Tyldesley</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs L McArdle</p> <p>Tel: 883340</p>

<p>Westfield Community School & Children's Centre Montrose Avenue, Pemberton, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery education, this school hosts a Children's Centre. Parents can access wrap around care, full day care and holiday care at competitive rates and a range of free projects are operating for children and families.</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr T Sherriff Tel: 776007</p>
<p>Platt Bridge Community Primary & Children's Centre Liverpool Road, Platt Bridge, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery education, this school hosts a Children's Centre. Provision for babies, wrap around care and full day care services are available at competitive rates and a range of free projects are operating for children and families.</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs S Darbyshire Tel: 487999</p>
<p>Wigan Douglas Valley Children's Centre Turner Street, Wigan</p> <p>At this Children's Centre, in addition to free nursery education, parents can access wrap around care, full day care for babies, toddlers and pre-school children and holiday care at competitive rates. A range of free projects are operating for children and families.</p> <p>There are 104 part time places available</p>	<p>Acting Headteacher: Mrs C Ardern Tel: 322473</p>
<p>Wigan Marsh Green Primary Kitt Green Road, Marsh Green, Wigan</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr P Duffy Tel: 222016</p>

<p>Winstanley Community Primary Tanhouse Drive, Winstanley, Wigan</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs K A Jones</p> <p>Tel: 749141</p>
<p>Worsley Mesnes Primary Clifton Street, Worsley Mesnes, Wigan</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs B C Szwandt</p> <p>Tel: 776457</p>

Voluntary Aided (Church)

<p>Canon Sharples CE Primary Whelley, Wigan</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr R Mason</p> <p>Tel: 776188</p>
<p>All Saints Catholic Primary Hazel Grove, Golborne, Warrington</p> <p>In addition to early education, this school has a range of childcare services available on site at competitive rates.</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs L Morgan/Mrs M Middlehurst</p> <p>Tel: 747655</p>
<p>Hindley All Saints CE Primary Chapel Fields Lane, Hindley, Wigan</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr K Ward</p> <p>Tel: 255577</p>
<p>Ince CE Primary & Children's Centre Charles Street, Ince, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery education, a Children's Centre is under development on this site. Wrap around care and full day care services will be available at competitive rates and a range of free projects will be operating for children and families.</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs J A Hyde</p> <p>Tel: 245218</p>

<p>Holy Family Catholic Primary Wigan Street, Platt Bridge, Wigan</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs D Marsh</p> <p>Tel: 704148</p>
<p>Wigan Sacred Heart Catholic Primary & Children's Centre Springfield Road, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery education, a shared Children's Centre is under development involving this school and Beech Hill Primary School. Wrap around care and full day care services are due to be available at competitive rates and a range of free projects are operating for children and families.</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr A Poskitt</p> <p>Tel: 231478</p>
<p>Wigan St Patrick's Catholic Primary Hardybutts, Scholes, Wigan</p> <p>In addition to free nursery education, this school has a range of childcare services. Parents can access wrap around care, full day care and holiday care at competitive rates.</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs M P Bigland</p> <p>Tel: 244361</p>
<p>St William's Catholic Primary Ince Green Lane, Ince, Wigan</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mr C Burke</p> <p>Tel: 235782</p>
<p>Leigh St Peter's CE Infant Firs Lane, Leigh</p> <p>In addition to free nursery education, breakfast club provision is available from 7.45am for children attending morning nursery.</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Miss C Garner</p> <p>Tel: 672601</p>

<p>Lowton St Mary's CE Primary Newton Road, Lowton, Warrington</p> <p>In addition to free nursery education, this school has a range of childcare services available on site at competitive rates.</p> <p>There are 90 places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs L Baker</p> <p>Tel: 769710</p>
<p>Standish St Wilfrid's CE Primary Rectory Lane, Standish, Wigan</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs J Kneale</p> <p>Tel: 01257 423992</p>
<p>Tyldesley St George's Central CE Primary Darlington Street, Tyldesley</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs G Fisher/Mrs P Greenhalgh</p> <p>Tel: 883773</p>
<p>Wigan St Aidan's Catholic Primary Holmes House Avenue, Winstanley</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs C Mason</p> <p>Tel: 223544</p>
<p>St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary Golborne Road, Ashton in Makerfield</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs C Orrell</p> <p>Tel: 707101</p>
<p>Highfield St Matthew's CE Primary Billinge Road, Highfield, Wigan</p> <p>There are 60 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs E Tyrrell</p> <p>Tel: 747818</p>
<p>St Jude's Catholic Primary Worsley Mesnes Drive, Worsley Mesnes, Wigan WN3 5AN</p> <p>There are 30 part time places available</p>	<p>Headteacher: Mrs J Booth</p> <p>Tel: 204091</p>