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Choosing **EARLY EDUCATION** in Wandsworth

Information for parents of children (three and four year olds) starting Early Education in September 2022



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We have tried to give as much information as possible in this booklet. However, if there is anything you do not understand or there are further questions you need to ask, please contact The Early Education and Childcare Places Team:

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Introduction

Starting Early Education is an important and exciting step in your child's life. Early Years education has been shown to provide children with a firm foundation for future achievement in life. All children aged between three and five are entitled to a part-time Early Education place from the term after their third birthday. Children can attend either a Wandsworth Council school (called a maintained school), a private or voluntary sector nursery, nursery school, playgroup, childminder or an independent school registered as a provider of Early Education and Childcare Places. Some children are entitled to a nursery class place from the term after their second birthday.

This booklet brings together information on the maintained, private, voluntary and independent sectors to assist you, as a parent/carer, in choosing the best Early Education for your child.

We have included the following information about Early Education in Wandsworth:

- Information on what Early Education is and how to recognise high quality.
- Useful information about how to apply for a place.
- Important dates to remember when applying for maintained nursery classes or schools.
- Contact numbers for more information on Early Years education and childcare.
- Important information about moving on to primary school.
- Support for children with Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND).

We hope that by reading this booklet and following the step by step guide, you will be well equipped to make an informed choice about the type of educational setting that will be best for your child. We wish you a happy and successful start to choosing Early Years education for your child.



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Starting Early Education

The start of Early Education is an important step in your child's life. All children aged three to five years are entitled to part-time Early Education in:

- a Wandsworth Council School (maintained school)

OR with a provider in the 'non maintained' sector

- childminder
- private or voluntary, nursery school, playgroup
- independent school

Deadline for Wandsworth Schools is Monday 7 February 2022



What is an Early Education and Childcare Place?

All children in England are entitled to receive a good quality, part-time Early Education place from 1 September, 1 January or 1 April following their third birthday.

This is known as the Universal entitlement.

An Early Education place is up to 570 hours of education in an academic year which can be taken as 15 hours a week in a nursery or provider that is open up to 38 weeks of the year (or fewer hours per week at a nursery or provider open for more than 38 weeks - this is known as a stretched entitlement).

Can I get 30 hours Early Education?

Some working parents may be able to claim an additional 15 hours free childcare per week.

To be eligible for the additional 15 hours of free childcare, the household must:

- Be a two-parent working family or a lone working parent
 - Have **each** working parent earning between:
 - the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the National Minimum or Living Wage (includes income received from Tax Credits or Universal Credit), and
 - earning less than £100,000 per year
- Please note if one parent's income exceeds £100,000 the household will not be eligible
- Both parents usually working, but one is temporarily out of work for a particular reason, as explained below:
 - One/ both parent/s is away from work on leave (parental, maternity etc.)
 - One/ both parent/s is in receipt of Statutory Sick Pay
 - Parents on zero-hours contracts will be eligible, as are those who are registered as self-employed.
 - One parent is employed and the other parent has either: substantial caring responsibilities/ and or disability based on specific benefits received for caring; is a foster carer with their own three- and four-year-old children.
 - Parents who are in training will not be eligible as they can receive other Government support.

Deadlines for 30 hour applications

To ensure that your child can receive the additional 15 hours entitlement, parents must apply and have their codes validated by the Local Authority by the following deadlines:

- 31 August 2022 to receive the funding in the Autumn 2022
- 31 December 2022 to receive the funding in the Spring 2023
- 31 March 2023 to receive the funding in the Summer 2023

For more information and to apply online visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/30hours

Flexible and stretched places

Some providers may be able to offer the entitlement in a flexible way, such as a combination of morning and afternoon sessions.

Parents can choose to split their entitlement across more than one provider but a child cannot attend more than two settings in one day (or go over their overall entitlement).

It is advisable to check the provider can offer the hours you need before accepting a place.

Types of providers offering Early Education and Childcare Places for three and four-year-olds

Maintained sector

This is the education provision that is the responsibility of the Local Authority and may be in a maintained nursery school or primary school nursery class. The provision is free to all parents/carers. Schools are generally open between 9am and 3.15pm and can offer full and part time places. Schools may offer these hours in differing patterns and you should contact the school for information on how they offer the free hours.

Early Education in maintained schools is provided by fully qualified teachers, assisted by nursery practitioners qualified in childcare and education and teaching assistants. Many maintained schools provide before school and after school childcare.

Non-maintained sector

Non-maintained settings have to be registered with the Local Authority to provide Early Education and Childcare Places.

- **Childminder.** Some childminders provide Early Education and Childcare Places and flexible childcare. They provide childcare for children from birth to eight years, and are registered with Ofsted.
- **Day nursery.** Day nurseries provide childcare for children from six months to five years. They are registered with Ofsted to provide early education and childcare.
- **Independent school.** Independent schools provide education for children aged from three years in Wandsworth. They have to be registered with the Department of Education (DfE) or Ofsted.
- **Pre-school playgroup.** Pre-school playgroups provide places for small groups of children aged from two and a half to five, to learn and play. Playgroups are usually open part-time.
- **Private nursery school.** A nursery school that is run by a private sector provider. They provide education for children aged from two to five. They are registered with Ofsted to provide childcare.

Please note that the 15 (or 30) hour places should be completely free of charge, however many non-maintained providers will operate in a way which includes additional activities and services which means they will have a charge for an additional service package. All charging information must clearly show the cost of any additional service package as well as charges for additional hours over the free entitlement.

Inspections

All nurseries are required to be registered and inspected by Ofsted.

Inspection reports are available on the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) website.

www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports

Do children have to be born in this country to get a place?

Children moving to England from another country are entitled to a place on the same basis as any other child regardless of whether or not they have British citizenship.



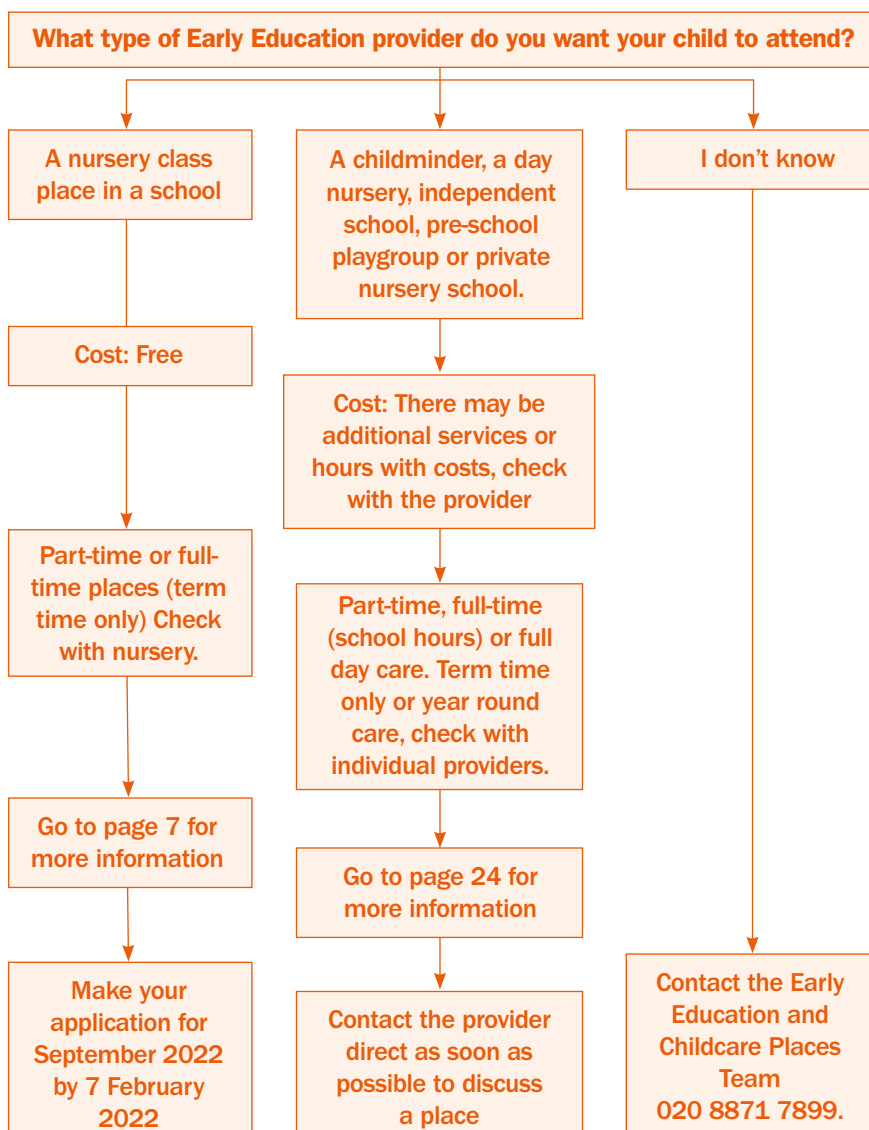
Things to consider when choosing Early Education



It is recommended that you arrange to visit a few schools before applying for a place. Some indicators of a good quality nursery are:

- You and your child are made welcome.
- You are encouraged to stay with your child during the settling-in stage.
- Children are happily engaged in purposeful play activities throughout the sessions.
- Adults are interacting with and supporting the children's play and learning.
- The nursery has on display plans for children's learning.
- There is a good selection of resources and equipment for children's use in the outside play area.
- There is a good selection of books, play equipment and activities for children to use freely.
- Children's models, paintings and drawings are displayed.
- There are short and enjoyable times for groups to sit together for songs and stories.

Applying for the three and four year old place



How will Early Education help your child?

How will Early Education help your child to develop and learn?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards that all Early Years providers must meet, to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. High quality teaching and learning experiences support children's 'school readiness' and give children the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.

Principles should shape practice in early years provision. These are:

- every child is a **unique child**, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.
- children learn to be strong and independent through **positive relationships**.
- children learn and develop well in **enabling environments**, in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and there is a strong partnership between practitioners, parents and/or carers.
- **children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates**. This covers the education and care of all children in early years provision, including children

with special educational needs and disabilities.

Educational programmes must involve activities and experiences for children, as follows:

- **Communication and Language** development involves giving children opportunities to experience a rich language environment; to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves; and to speak and listen in a range of situations.
 - **Physical Development** involves providing opportunities for young children to be active and interactive; and to develop their co-ordination, control, and movement. Children must also be helped to understand the importance of physical activity, and to make healthy choices in relation to food.
 - **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** involves helping children to develop a positive sense of themselves, and others; to form positive relationships and develop respect for others; to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings; to understand appropriate behaviour in groups; and to have confidence in their own abilities.
- **Literacy** development involves encouraging children to link sounds and letters and to begin to read and write. Children must be given access to a wide range of reading materials (books, poems, and other written materials) to develop their interest.
 - **Mathematics** involves providing children with opportunities to develop and improve their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers, calculating simple addition and subtraction problems; and to describe shapes, spaces, and measures.
 - **Understanding the World** involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.
 - **Expressive Arts and Design** involves enabling children to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials, as well as providing opportunities and encouragement for sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, movement, dance, role-play, and design and technology.



When can children start Early Education in a maintained nursery school or class?



In the maintained sector priority is given to older children who will be turning four during the school year. The school year starts in September and ends in the following July.

If there are places remaining after children have started, they will then be offered to younger children. These children will start the school term after their third birthday. For example, if a child is three in October they can start in January of the following year.

Remember:

- Schools have a limited number of places so your child is not guaranteed a place in a particular nursery class or school. For this reason it makes sense to consider applying to more than one provider.
- It cannot be guaranteed that a place will be found close to where you live.

- Apply as early as possible.
- Application forms are available from local schools and may also be on their websites.
- Visit the Family Information Service website www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis for an up to date list of nurseries.
- Application forms for maintained schools must be returned to your chosen schools by **Monday 7 February 2022**.
- Schools will write to you with a decision. Visit the school's website to check when they inform parents.
- You will then have to confirm in writing that you accept a place for your child.

Children born between	Start Early Education
1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019	September 2022
1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020	September 2023

Children born after 31 August 2019 may be admitted later in the year if places are available.

Do I apply for a nursery class or primary place?

Children born between	Nursery application		Reception application	
	Apply by	Start date	Apply by	Start date
1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019	Feb 2022	Sept 2022	Jan 2023	Sept 2023
1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020	Feb 2023	Sept 2023	Jan 2024	Sept 2024
1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021	Feb 2024	Sept 2024	Jan 2025	Sept 2025
1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	Feb 2025	Sept 2025	Jan 2026	Sept 2026
1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023	Feb 2026	Sept 2026	Jan 2027	Sept 2027

Please note that having a place at a maintained nursery does NOT guarantee that your child will be able to go on to reception class in the same school.

You will have to apply the following year; see *Choose a Wandsworth Primary School* for the application for your child's reception class place guidance. Primary applications are co-ordinated centrally through Pupil Services (www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions). Nursery applications are processed by individual schools.

Term dates 2022/2023

Autumn term 2022

First day Thursday 1 Sept
 Half term 24-28 October
 Last day Friday 16 December

Spring term 2023

First day Tuesday 3 January
 Half term 13-17 February
 Last day Friday 31 March

Summer term 2023

First Day Monday 17 April
 Half term 29 May - 2 June
 Last day Friday 21 July

Applying for places in maintained schools and academies

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

STEP 1 Collecting information

You will probably want to find out as much information as possible about the schools before applying for a place. You can do this by:

- reading this booklet
- reading school inspection reports at www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports
- visiting the Family Information Service website to find local schools in your area.
- contacting schools for a copy of their prospectus and an application form.
- arranging to visit the school on an open day or by appointment.

STEP 2 Making informed decisions

As well as finding out about the schools and what they offer, you also need to consider whether or not your child is likely to get a place at a particular school.

If a school receives more applications than it has places available, it will use its admissions criteria to decide which children should be offered places. You must therefore:

- apply to more than one school unless you are certain of getting a place in the school you most prefer.
- carefully read the criteria set out on page 10 for community and foundation schools and in the school prospectus for voluntary aided (faith) schools and academies.

Please remember that if you are offered a nursery class place, your child will not automatically be offered a reception place at the same school in the following year. You will need to re-apply and have your application considered again.

Whether you get a reception place will depend on the number of places available and the number of applicants who meet the admission criteria at that time.

If you want more information about the likelihood of securing a school place in a particular school, please contact the school directly or Pupil Services on (020) 8871 7316 or www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions



Applying for a place in maintained nursery schools and classes

Find an up to date list of Early Education and Childcare providers on the Family Information Service website: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis

For admissions between September 2022 and July 2023 return your application forms to the maintained schools by Monday 7 February 2022.

Applying for places in maintained schools and academies

Step 1

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Step 3

Step 4

STEP 3 Applying for places

How to apply

Each school has its own application form. You should:

- contact the schools you are interested in
- ask them for an application form
- Fill in the form and return it to the school, remember to ask for proof of your application.

When to apply

You must return your application form to the school by the closing date of **Monday 7 February 2022** at the latest.

Late applications

You will not get priority by applying early as all applications received by **Monday 7 February 2022** will be considered together. However, if you apply after this date your application will not be considered until after the initial offer of places in March. If the school is full at that time your child's name will be put on the waiting list in the order of the admission criteria.

Applying to more than one school

You can apply to as many schools as you wish. However, it is important to apply to at least one school near to your home, as most schools give some priority to applicants who live nearest to the school.

Brothers and sisters

If your child already has a brother or sister attending the school you must still complete an application form and state this on the form.

Acute medical or personal need

If your child has an acute medical or personal need for a place at a particular school, you must tick the box on the application form and provide professionally supported evidence (eg a doctor's letter) to support your application.

How your address affects your application

The address you put on your application form must be your permanent address on the closing date for applications.

If you change your address you should tell the school immediately. A child's address can only be considered for a nursery class place if your child has an acute medical or personal need for a place at a particular school.

Addresses outside Wandsworth

If you live in another borough you can apply for a part-time place in a Wandsworth nursery class or school. However, if there are more applications than places, children of the same age group who live in the borough of Wandsworth will be given priority over those who live outside the borough. The admissions process is explained on page 10.

Schools outside Wandsworth

You may apply for a nursery class place in a school in another borough if you wish, but you should bear in mind that the age when children start may be different.

STEP 4 Being offered a place

Each school will consider all the applications received by the closing date and will allocate up to its maximum number of places to the children with the highest priority under the admission criteria.

The schools will write to you with the result of your application by the end of March.

What to do when you are offered a place

- When you receive an offer, let the school know within seven days whether or not you want to accept it.
- If you are offered a place at more than one school, accept the one you prefer and tell the other school(s) that you no longer want a place, so that it can be offered to someone else.

What to do if you are not offered a place at any school

Tell the schools you applied to that you want your child's name to stay on their waiting list, in case a place becomes available later on.

Contact the Early Education and Childcare Places Team on **020 8871 7899** or visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/eecp

Waiting lists

Any children who are not offered places can be put on the waiting list. The list will be kept in the same order as the school's order of priority. If a vacancy comes up, the school will offer the place to the child at the top of the list.

Late applications are also added to the list in order of priority. This means that a child's position on the list can move down as well as up.

Admission to maintained, academies and free schools

All school nurseries have a limit on the number of children that they can admit. If there are more applications than places then there needs to be a process to decide which children will be offered places. Greater priority is given to children with additional needs where there is supporting evidence from professionals who know the child and family well. Therefore, it is important to tell the school if your child or family has additional needs and ensure a professional helps to provide evidence of the need.

Schools generally admit children early in the autumn term but where there are vacancies they can admit throughout the year as children become old enough. Where children do have additional needs then a place may be kept for them to start as soon as they are old enough.

Generally maintained schools and primary academies provide places for children age three and over. Some places are available for two year olds with additional needs in the maintained nursery schools and for children with specific special needs in Wandsworth Special Schools. In most cases private or voluntary groups or childminders provide places for two year olds.

Admissions to maintained nurseries - Deciding which schools to apply to

Greater priority is given to children with additional needs, older nursery age children, children who are Wandsworth residents and siblings of older children who will be attending the school at the time that a nursery child would start. Distance between home and school based on a straight line between your home and the centre of the school site calculated by Wandsworth Council's Geographical System is also a factor and these points should guide you in deciding which schools to apply to.

You are recommended to apply to more than one school even if you have older children already in a school as Wandsworth cannot guarantee a nursery class place at the same school as older siblings. The factors above should inform your choices. You can find an up to date list of nurseries on the Family Information Service website www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis. Applications are made direct to the schools and must be made by **Monday 7 February 2022**.

Children with additional needs

If you feel your child has an additional need that should be considered then you should ask a lead professional in your 'Team Around the Child'* to provide supporting information when you make your application. It is important to give as much information as you can about your child's additional needs and provide supporting information. Professionals can only give schools information about your child with your permission and schools will not know about your child's or your family's needs unless you tell them when applying.

*Parents/carers who want their needs to be considered by a multi disciplinary group (for example Team Around the Child (TAC) should contact a health professional or the local Children's Centre (CC) who will complete an assessment of their need. An assessment using the Early Help Assessment (EHA) will be made. For a list of Children's Centres visit the Family Information Service website: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis

** When deciding whether a child has an educational, medical or social need, the headteacher will consider the child's needs or circumstances, supporting evidence from other professionals, and the availability of nursery classes in neighbouring schools.



Admission to maintained, academies, faith and free schools

Information about the system used by Wandsworth maintained schools

Schools deciding which children to offer places to - Step 1 Admission groups

All Wandsworth Schools must consider nursery class applications in the following group order starting with Group A and finishing with Group E. Groups are considered in turn until places are allocated.

Group A

Children living in the borough of Wandsworth recommended for a nursery class place at that school by an allocated Social Worker or as part of an action plan agreed by a multi-disciplinary group* (see page 9), for example a Team Around the Child (TAC) or children who are the subject of adoption and special guardianship orders who were previously looked after by the Local Authority.

Normally admission is from the term after the child's third birthday and children in this group should have a place held for them if they are not old enough to start in the Autumn term.

Group B

Children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 who live within the Wandsworth borough.

Group C

Children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 who live outside the Wandsworth borough.

Group D

Children born after 31 August 2019 who live within the Wandsworth borough (from the start of the term after their third birthday, if places are available.)

Group E

Children born after 31 August 2019 who live outside the Wandsworth borough (from the start of the term after their third birthday, if places are available.)

Schools deciding which children to offer places to - Step 2 - Admission criteria

If there are more nursery class applications than places within the *admission group* that the school has, then the school's admission criteria will be used to decide which children can be offered a place within that group. There are some differences between admission criteria in some schools and the school can provide details of the criteria that it will use.

Nursery classes in community and foundation schools and primary academies

1. Children looked after, or who have an allocated social worker who has provided written support of the application or children who are the subject of adoption, residence order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order who were previously looked after by a Local Authority.
2. Children who are recommended for a place at that school following an action plan agreed by a multi-disciplinary group* (see page 9) (for example Team Around the Child (TAC).

Nursery classes in community schools in a priority area

Four schools in the Tooting area have slightly different criteria because they have a 'geographical priority area'.

The schools are: Franciscan, Furzedown, Penwortham and Sellincourt. Details of the admission criteria and priority area for these schools are set out on pages 12 and 13.

Nursery Schools (Balham, Eastwood and Somerset)

1. Children looked after, or who have an allocated social worker who has provided written support of the application or children who are the subject of adoption, residence order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order who were previously looked after by a Local Authority.

2. Children who are recommended for a place at that school following an action plan agreed by a multi-disciplinary group* (See pages 9 and 19) (for example Team Around the Child (TAC). In some cases where there is a particular need, places can be given to children from the age of two years.
3. Children with professionally supported educational, medical or social needs** (see pages 9 and 19).

Nursery classes in voluntary aided (Church or Faith) primary schools.

Church of England, Roman Catholic and Muslim schools will have different admissions procedures and criteria. Please contact these schools direct for details.

Nursery classes in academies and free schools

Academies and Free Schools may have different admissions procedures and criteria. Please contact these schools direct for details.

Maintained Special Schools, Resource Bases and the Specialist Nursery

Placements at the Special Schools and units are made by the council's Special Needs Assessment Section (SNAS) in consultation with the school and parents or carers. See page 19 for more information.

Nursery class place offers

Once the school has a list of which children will be offered a place it will write to those families by the end of March. If there are more applications than places then it will operate a waiting list (see page 8). If there are still places available the school will inform the Early Education and Childcare Places Team so that places can be allocated to other children who have not yet found a nursery class place.

Being offered and accepting a place

You should find out about an offer of a place by the end of March. As a condition of applying to a maintained school you must accept the nursery offer that you plan to take up and inform any other schools that have offered your child a place that you are refusing a place. This means other children can be offered places promptly. If you are not offered a place you may be kept on a waiting list and places may become available if other families refuse a place or fail to take one up. Places can still become available right up to the Autumn term and during the year. The Early Education and Childcare Places team can help you if you have not found a place please contact (020) 8871 7899.

In accepting a nursery class place you must ensure your child attends punctually (on time) and regularly (every day) unless they are unwell in which case you must inform the school. Schools are accountable for the progress your child makes and will expect them to attend for the whole session on every day that they are open.

Schools will normally operate a system of staggered starting dates to help children make a happy and confident start. The school should tell you exactly what the start date will be and any arrangements for starting with slightly fewer hours each day.

Moving on to primary school

Your child moves on to a primary school reception class in the September of the school year in which the child reaches their fifth birthday. Attending a nursery class at a maintained school does not guarantee a reception class place at the same school in the following year. There is a separate application process for admission to reception co-ordinated by the council. The 'Choose a Wandsworth Primary School' booklet gives further details and is available from Pupil Services. Telephone (020) 8871 7316 or visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions or email admissions@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk



Franciscan, Furzedown, Penwortham and Sellincourt nursery classes



Franciscan, Furzedown, Penwortham and Sellincourt nursery classes in Tooting have priority areas. Children living in the areas are given priority over those living elsewhere. However living in a priority area does not guarantee a place at the school. This will depend on the demand for places from people living in the priority area in a particular year.

Parents are advised to apply to other schools as well, in case their application is unsuccessful.

Please contact Franciscan School direct for their admissions criteria.

Admission criteria for Furzedown, Penwortham and Sellincourt schools

Nursery class places at these schools are offered in the following order:

1. Children looked after, or who have an allocated social worker who has provided written support of the application or children who are the subject of adoption, residence order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order who were previously looked after by a Local Authority.
2. Children who are recommended for a place at that school following an action plan agreed by a multi-disciplinary group (for example TAC).
3. Children living inside the priority area with a brother or sister who will still be at the school in September 2022.
4. Other children living inside the priority area in order of distance from home to the school in a straight line.
5. Other children living outside the priority area with a brother or sister who will still be at the school in September 2022.

Exceptional circumstances

The Director of Education and Social Services has discretion to give higher priority where:

- A parent or guardian provides professionally supported evidence at the time of application that their child has an acute medical or personal need for a place.
- Refusal of a place would result in an unreasonable journey to an alternative school.

Priority area boundaries

The boundaries of the priority areas for Franciscan School, Furzedown School, Penwortham School and Sellincourt Schools run along the roads detailed below. These roads and all the roads inside the boundary are included in the priority area (unless otherwise stated).

Franciscan School

- South side of Derinton Road (even numbers 10-316)
- West side of Rectory Lane (from north side of Hill House to junction with Mitcham Road)
- North side of Mitcham Road (odd numbers 1-215) and including Bevill Allen Close
- East sides of Tooting High Street (odd numbers 1-69) and Upper Tooting Road (odd numbers 127-247).

Furzedown School

- Furzedown Road
- West side of Thrale Road (odd numbers 75-99) from junction with Furzedown Road to Nimrod Road
- Brookview Road to the junction with Nimrod Road
- Woodhook Road to the junction with Nimrod Road

- Parklands Road to the junction with Nimrod Road
- Moyser Road (odd numbers 91-133 and even numbers 96-144) to the junction with Nimrod Road
- Longstone Road to the junction with Nimrod Road
- Spalding Road to the junction with Nimrod Road
- Welham Road (odd numbers 143-163 and even numbers 50-78) to the junction with Nimrod Road
- Southcroft Road (odd numbers 1-161 and even numbers 2-248), 47-50 Eastbourne Road, 1-9 Amen Corner, 223-249 Mitcham Road (east side)
- East side of Rectory Lane (numbers 1-113)

Penwortham School

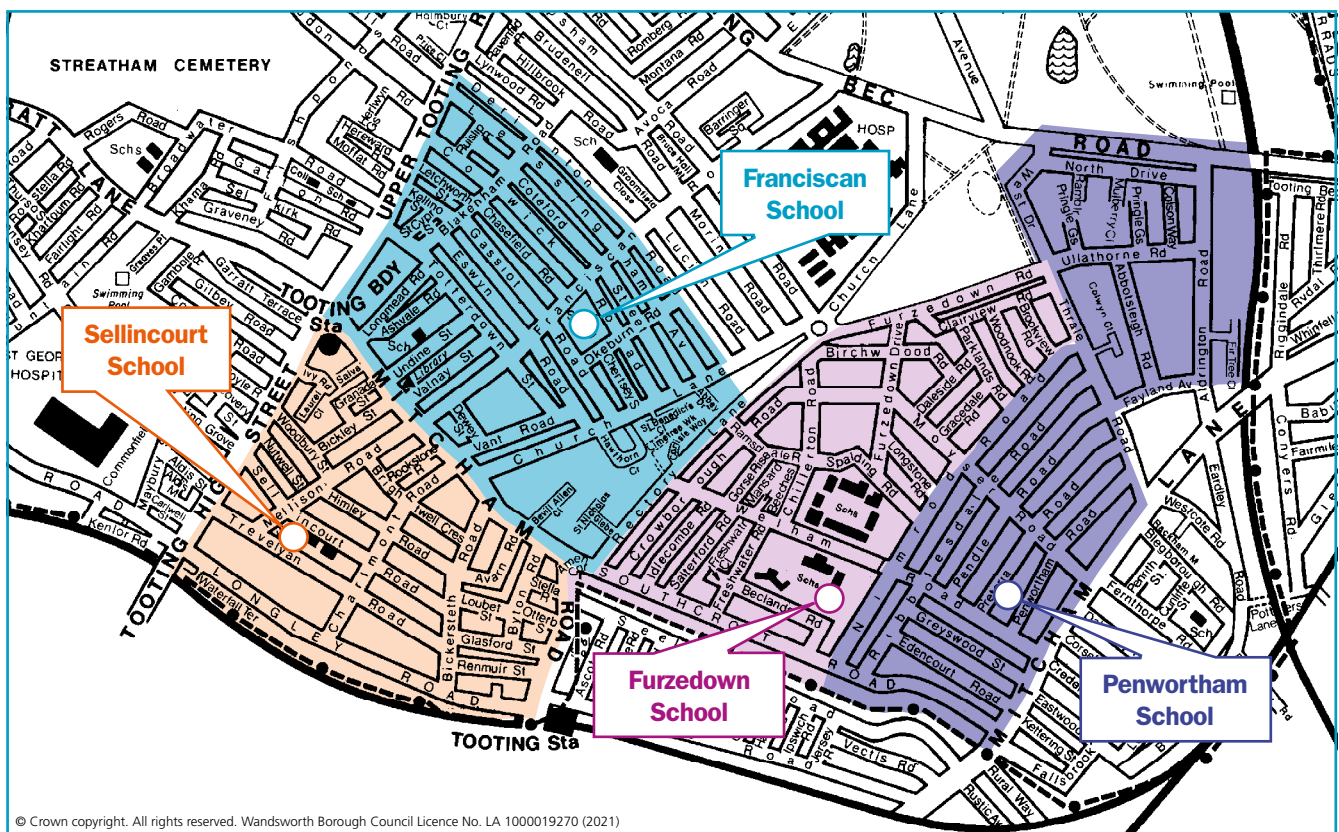
- Nimrod Road (both sides)
- Thrale Road (odd numbers 1-73 (west side) and even numbers 36-62 (east side)
- West Drive
- Tooting Bec Road (from junction with West Drive to junction with Aldrington Road)
- Aldrington Road (from the junction with Tooting Bec Road to 10 Aldrington Road, including all properties on between east side of

Aldrington Road and railway line; that is, Shepley Court in the north to Fir Tree Close in the south)

- North side of Fayland Avenue (Boothby House, Adams House, odd numbers 1-31) to junction with Thrale Road
- West side of Mitcham Lane (even numbers 120-282)
- Southcroft Road (odd numbers 225-313 and even numbers 250-444) and Swain Close
- NB Only the following properties in Moyser Road (odd numbers 1&1A-89 and even numbers 2&2A-94) and Welham Road (odd numbers 1-131 and even numbers 18-34) fall in the priority area.

Sellincourt School

- East side of Tooting High Street (odd numbers 71-221)
- South side and west side of Mitcham Road (even numbers 2-284) and west side of London Road (even numbers 2-6)
- Longley Road (both sides) including Waterfall Terrace.



Maintained Nursery Schools and Schools offering Early Education in Wandsworth

Maintained Nursery Schools

Balham Nursery

(020) 8673 4055
www.balham-nursery.wandsworth.sch.uk

Eastwood Nursery

(020) 8876 3976
www.eastwood.wandsworth.sch.uk

Somerset Nursery

(020) 7223 5455
www.somerset.wandsworth.sch.uk

Schools offering Early Education

Albemarle Primary School

(020) 8788 3170
www.albemarle.wandsworth.sch.uk

Alderbrook Primary School

(020) 8673 4913
www.alderbrookprimaryschool.co.uk

All Saints' (CE) Primary School

(020) 8788 5196
www.allsaintsputney.org.uk

Allfarthing Primary School

(020) 8874 1301
www.allfarthing.org.uk

Beatrix Potter Primary School

(020) 8874 1482
www.beatrixpotterschool.com

Belleville Primary School

(020) 7228 6727
www.belleville-school.org.uk

Belleville Wix Academy

(020) 7228 3055
www.bellevillewix.org.uk

Brandlehow Primary School

(020) 8874 5429
www.brandlehowschool.org.uk

Broadwater Primary School

(020) 8672 3062
www.broadwaterschool.org.uk

Chesterton Primary School

(020) 7622 1619
www.chesterton.wandsworth.sch.uk

Christ Church (CE) Primary School

(020) 7228 2812
www.christchurch.wandsworth.sch.uk

Earlsfield Primary School

(020) 8946 5452
www.earlsfield.wandsworth.sch.uk

Falconbrook Primary School

(020) 7228 7706
www.falconbrook.wandsworth.sch.uk

Fircroft Primary School

(020) 8672 6258
www.fircroftprimaryschool.co.uk

Floreat Wandsworth Primary School

(020) 8353 4195
www.floreatwandsworth.org.uk

Franciscan Primary School

(020) 8672 3048
www.franciscan.wandsworth.sch.uk

Furzedown Primary School

(020) 8672 3480
www.furzedownschool.co.uk

Goldfinch Primary School

(020) 8769 6486
www.goldfinchprimary.org.uk

Granard Primary School

(020) 8788 3606
www.granardprimary.co.uk

Griffin Primary School

(020) 7622 5087
www.griffinprimary.co.uk

Heathmere Primary School

(020) 8788 9057
www.heathmereprimary.org

Hillbrook Primary School

(020) 8672 3957
www.hillbrookschool.org.uk

Honeywell Infant School

(020) 7228 6811
www.honeywellschools.org

Hotham Primary School

(020) 8788 6468
www.hothamprimaryschool.org.uk

John Burns Primary School

(020) 7228 3857
www.johnburns.wandsworth.sch.uk

Our Lady Queen of Heaven

(Catholic) Primary School
(020) 8788 7420
www.ourladyqueenofheaven.wandsworth.sch.uk

Penwortham Primary School

(020) 8769 3949
www.penwortham.wandsworth.sch.uk

Ravenstone Primary School

(020) 8673 0594
www.ravenstoneschool.co.uk

Riversdale Primary School

(020) 8874 6904
www.riversdaleschool.org.uk

Roehampton (CE) Primary School

(020) 8788 8650
www.roehampton.wandsworth.sch.uk

Ronald Ross Primary School

(020) 8788 5233
www.ronaldross.org.uk

Sacred Heart (Battersea)

(Catholic) Primary School
(020) 7223 5611
www.sacredheartschoolbattersea.co.uk

Sacred Heart (Roehampton)

(Catholic) Primary School
(020) 8876 7074
www.sacredheart-roe.wandsworth.sch.uk

St Anne's (CE) Primary School

(020) 8874 1863
www.st-annes.wandsworth.sch.uk

St Boniface (Catholic) Primary School

(020) 8672 5874
www.stboniface.wandsworth.sch.uk

St Faith's (CE) Primary School

(020) 8874 2653
www.stfaiths.wandsworth.sch.uk

St George's (CE) Primary School

(020) 7622 1870
www.st-georges.wandsworth.sch.uk

St Joseph's (Catholic) Primary School

(020) 8874 1888
www.stjosephs.wandsworth.sch.uk

St Mary's (Battersea) (Catholic) Primary School

(020) 7622 5460
www.stmarysschoolbattersea.co.uk

St Mary's (Putney) (CE) Primary School

(020) 8788 9591
www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk

St Michael's CE Primary School

(020) 8874 7786
www.stmichaels.wandsworth.sch.uk

Sellincourt Primary School

(020) 8672 6796
www.sellincourt.wandsworth.sch.uk

Shaftesbury Park Primary School

(020) 7228 3652
www.shaftesburypark.wandsworth.sch.uk

Sheringdale Primary School

(020) 8874 7340
www.sheringdale.org

Smallwood Primary School

(020) 8672 6024
www.smallwood.wandsworth.sch.uk

Southmead Primary School

(020) 8788 8901
www.southmeadschool.co.uk

Swaffield Primary School

(020) 8874 2825
www.swaffield.wandsworth.sch.uk

The Alton School

(020) 8876 8482
www.altonschool.org.uk

Trinity St Mary's Primary School (CE)

(020) 8673 4166
www.tsm.wandsworth.sch.uk

West Hill Primary School

(020) 8874 5900
www.westhillprimaryschool.org

Westbridge Academy

(020) 7228 1293
www.westbridgestepacademy.org

Private, Voluntary and independent (PVI's) Nurseries offering Early Education

PVI nursery	Postcode	Phone number	Email/Website
345 Nursery School Balham	SW18	07721 047949	www.345nurserybalham.com
Abacus	SW12	020 8675 8093	www.myabacusnursery.co.uk
Abacus Ark 2 Wandsworth	SW18	020 8874 1725	www.abacusark.com
Abacus Ark Clapham	SW11	020 7738 1943	www.abacusark.com
Alexander House Nursery	SW18	020 8870 0068	www.alexanderhousenursery.com
Alphabet Nursery School	SW11	07376 803746	www.alphabetnurseryschool.co.uk
Al-Risalah Nursery	SW17	020 8767 0716	www.alrisalahnursery.co.uk
Alton Community Playschool	SW15	020 8780 9100	
Apples And Honey Nightingale	SW12	020 8772 6620	www.applesandhoneynightingale.com
Apples and Honey Nursery	SW19	07743 006099	www.applesandhoney.org.uk
Ark Start	SW11	020 3116 6338	www.arkstart.org.uk
Ashburton Under Fives	SW15	020 8785 4494	
Balham Rainbow Nursery	SW12	020 8355 0892	www.balhamrainbow.com
Beechcroft Day Nursery	SW17	0208 767 5501	www.beechcroftdaynursery.co.uk
Beehive Nursery School	SW15	020 8780 5333	www.buzzbuzz.org/the-beehive-nursery-school-nursery

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PVI nursery	Postcode	Phone number	Email/Website
Bees Knees Nursery	SW15	020 8876 8252	www.buzzbuzz.org/the-bees-knees-nursery
Bertrum House Nursery Ltd	SW17	020 8767 4051	www.bertrumhousenursery.co.uk
Blackshaw Nursery	SW17	020 8672 4789	www.blackshawnursery.co.uk
Bluebells Nursery School	SW11	020 7720 2010	www.bluebellsnurserieschool.co.uk
Bridge Lane Nursery	SW11	020 7978 4457	www.bridgelanenursery.com
Bright Horizons Battersea Pre-School and Day Nursery	SW11	020 7882 4722	www.brighthorizons.co.uk
Bright Horizons Wandsworth Common	SW18	020 3780 3019	www.brighthorizons.co.uk
Bright Horizons West Hill Day Nursery & Pre-school	SW18	020 8871 1089	www.brighthorizons.co.uk
Broomwood Hall Lower School	SW12	020 8682 8897	www.northwoodschools.com
Broomwood Montessori	SW11	020 7228 6048	www.broomwoodmontessori.com
Bumble Bee Nursery School	SW11	0162 283 3331	www.thekindergartens.com
Busy Bee By The Bridge	SW15	020 8780 3399	www.buzzbuzz.org
Busy Bee Nursery School (Lytton Grove)	SW15	020 8789 0132	www.buzzbuzz.org
Busy Bees Nurseries Ltd	SW18	020 8877 1135	www.busybeeschildcare.co.uk
Busy Bees Day Nursery at Wandsworth Ltd. T/A Montessori by Busy Bees	SW18	020 3405 3660	www.busybeeschildcare.co.uk
Busy Bees T/A The Battersea Nursery & Pre-school	SW11	020 7720 9336	www.busybeeschildcare.co.uk
Carmena Christian Day Nursery	SW16	020 8677 8231	www.carmenachristiannursery.com
Cheeky Cherubs Day Nursery Ltd	SW11	07599 363286	
Crescent I Kindergarten	SW17	020 3874 2494	www.thekindergartens.com
Crescent II Kindergarten	SW17	020 3621 9956	www.thekindergartens.com
Destiny Kids Nursery	SW11	07727 972642	www.destinykidsnursery.com
Dolphin School	SW11	020 7924 3472	www.dolphinschool.org.uk
Early Blossom Nursery	SW18	020 8874 0555	www.earlyblossommontessorinursery.com
Eastwood Day nursery (166)	SW15	020 8876 3976	www.eastwood.wandsworth.sch.uk
Eaton House The Manor	SW4	020 7924 6000	www.eatonhouseschools.com
Ecole de Wix - Lyceè Français Charles de Gaulle	SW4	020 7738 0287	www.lyceefrancais.org.uk
Ecole Du Parc	SW11	020 7933 6460	www.ecoleduparc.co.uk
Ethelburga Early Years Centre	SW11	020 7924 3005	www.ethelburgaearlyyears.com
Eveline Day Nursery - Geraldine Road	SW18	020 8870 0966	www.evelinedaynursery.com
Eveline Day Nursery - Ritherdon Road	SW17	020 8672 7549	www.evelinedaynursery.com

PVI nursery	Postcode	Phone number	Email/Website
Eveline Day Nursery - Seely Hall, Chillerton Road	SW17	020 8672 0501	www.evelinedaynursery.com
Eveline Day Nursery - The Boulevard	SW17	020 8675 7276	www.evelinedaynursery.com
Eveline Day Nursery - Trinity Crescent	SW17	020 8672 4673	www.evelinedaynursery.com
Eveline Day School	SW17	020 8673 3188	www.evelinedayschool.com
Falcons School for girls	SW15	020 8992 5189	www.falconsgirls.co.uk
Finton House School	SW17	020 8682 0921	www.fintonhouse.org.uk
Fledglings Early Years	SW17	020 8672 7358	www.cbcservices.org.uk
Fledglings Kindergarten	SW11	020 7101 2033	www.cbcservices.org.uk
Fledglings on the Common	SW11	020 7101 2033	www.cbcservices.org.uk
Gemma O'Brien Little Gems	SW16	020 3652 4674	www.littlegemsdaycareltd.co.uk
Greenwood Nursery School	SW18	020 8875 1277	www.greenwoodnursery.school
Grove Hall Nursery	SW12	020 8673 1943	www.grovehallnursery.com
Gwendolen House Nursery	SW15	020 8704 1107	www.gwendolenhouse.com
Hornsby House School	SW12	020 8673 4325	www.hornsbyhouse.org.uk
Hurlingham Nursery and Pre-Prep	SW15	020 8780 9446	www.hurlinghamschool.co.uk

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PVI nursery	Postcode	Phone number	Email/Website
Hurlingham School	SW15	020 8874 7186	www.hurlinghamschool.co.uk
Imagination Pre school-Battersea Park	SW8	020 7498 6455	www.imaginationpreschool.co.uk
Imagination Pre School Ltd	SW19	020 8785 2947	www.imaginationpreschool.co.uk
Jumping Beans Garratt Park Playgroup	SW17	07503 994183	
Kido Wandsworth	SW18	020 8875 0880	www.kido.school
Kids unlimited LTD - Northcote Road	SW11	020 3780 3030	www.brighthorizons.co.uk
Lavender Hill Day Nursery	SW11	020 7924 1267	www.allaboutchildren.co.uk
Bunny Tales Day Nursery	SW11	020 7622 9300	www.bunnytalesdaynursery.co.uk
Linden Tree Nursery Schools Ltd (Lavender hill)	SW11	020 3900 2737	www.ltns.org.uk
Linden Tree Nursery Schools Ltd. (Webbs Road)	SW11	020 3900 2737	www.ltns.org.uk
Little Cedars Day Nursery	SW16	020 8677 9675	www.littlecedars.co.uk
Little Fingers Nursery	SW15	020 8874 8649	www.ststephensputney.org
Little Forest Folk Too Ltd	SW18	07795 230865	www.littleforestfolk.com
Little forest Folk Too Ltd-Putney	SW15	07837 460710	www.littleforestfolk.com
Little Joy T/A Banana Moon Day Nursery-	SW11	020 7228 8747	www.bananamoondaynursery.co.uk
Little Keys/Caius House Afterschool	SW11	020 3818 6210	www.littlekeysnursery.co.uk
Little Learners - Coronation Gardens	SW18	07749 377253	
Little Linguists Nursery School	SW16	020 8127 8581	www.littlelinguistsnursery.co.uk
Little Stepping Stones Day Nurseries	SW18	020 8870 6824	www.mylittlesteppingstones.com
Little Wombles	SW18	020 8870 2220	www.littlewombles.co.uk
Looking Glass Day Nursery & Pre-School	SW17	0208 767 2901	www.brighthorizons.co.uk
Lucky Beans Childcare Growing Beans Childcare Ltd Tooting	SW17	07885 274046	www.luckybeanschildcare.com
Magdalen Nursery	SW18	020 8870 4022	www.magdalennursery.com
Magdalen Nursery and Daycare Ltd T/A Magdalen Nursery St George's Grove	SW17	020 8682 1386	www.magdalennursery.com
Marmalade Bear	SW17	020 8682 4711	www.marmaladeschools.co.uk
Marmalade Cat	SW11	020 7228 1957	www.marmaladeschools.co.uk
Marmalade Caterpillar	SW12	020 8265 5224	www.marmaladeschools.co.uk
Marmalade Owl	SW12	020 8265 5224	www.marmaladeschools.co.uk

PVI nursery	Postcode	Phone number	Email/Website
Mayfield Nursery Limited	SW17	020 8767 9400	info@mayfieldnursery.org.uk www.mayfieldnursery.com
Melrose House Nursery School	SW18	020 8874 7769	southfields@melrose-house.com www.melrose-house.com
Monkey Puzzle Day nursery	SW11	020 7207 9527	www.monkeypuzzlebattersea.co.uk
Mouse Hole Nursery School	SW11	020 7924 5325	www.thekindergartens.com
Mouse House Montessori Nursery School	SW18	0162 283 3331	www.thekindergartens.com
Newpark Montessori Nursery School	SW18	020 3005 9444	www.newparkchildcare.co.uk
Newton Preparatory School	SW8	020 7720 4091	www.newtonprepschool.co.uk
Nightingale 1 Montessori Nursery	SW12	07958 567210	www.nightingalemontessori.co.uk
Nightingales Nursery	SW12	020 8772 6056	www.nightingalemontessori.co.uk
Noah's Ark 2 Nursery School	SW11	020 7924 3472	www.noahsarknurseryschools.org.uk
Noah's Ark 4 Nursery School	SW18	020 7924 3472	www.noahsarknurseryschools.org.uk
Noddy's Nursery School (Trinity Church Hall)	SW19	020 8785 9191	www.noddynursery.co.uk
Noddy's Nursery School (Gwendolen Avenue)	SW15	020 8785 9191	www.noddynursery.co.uk
Northcote House	SW11	020 7924 3696	www.housenurseries.com
Nuffield Health Day Nursery	SW18	07919 210111	www.nuffieldhealth.com
Number 1 Day Care Ltd	SW17	020 3726 9380	www.number1daycare.com
Nursery@aspire SW18	SW18	020 8870 5093	www.nurseryataspire.com
Parkgate House School	SW4	020 7350 2461	www.parkgate-school.co.uk
Penwortham Out of School Care	SW16	07852 395347	www.penwortham.wandsworth.sch.uk
Poppits Day Nursery	SW15	07896 531851	www.poppitsnursery.co.uk
Precious Jewels Nursery	SW17	020 8767 3801	www.preciousjewelsnursery.co.uk
Prospect House School	SW15	020 8780 0456	www.prospecths.org.uk
Puddle Ducks	SW15	020 8789 4500	www.puddleducks.com
Putney Preschool and Day Nursery	SW15	020 8246 5611	www.brighthorizons.co.uk
Riverside Nursery	SW18	020 7078 4098	www.riverside-nursery.co.uk
Rookstone Road Playgroup	SW17	020 8767 2019	
Schoolroom Two	SW19	020 8878 1949	www.schoolroomtwo.co.uk
Seahorse Nursery Southfields	SW19	020 8789 1194	www.seahorsenursery.co.uk
Sequoia Org.Ltd T/A Ecole Du Parc	SW11	020 3774 0081	www.ecoleduparc.co.uk
Smart Southfields	SW18	020 8871 4632	www.jenniflowers.co.uk
Sparkies Nursery School	SW12	07939 268861	www.sparkiesnurseryschool.com

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PVI nursery	Postcode	Phone number	Email/Website
Square One Nursery School	SW15	020 8788 1546	www.squareonenursery.com
St Mary's Summerstown Montessori Nursery School	SW17	020 8947 7359	www.stmaryssummerstownmontessori.co.uk
St Paul's Playgroup	SW19	020 7735 1958	www.cbcservices.org.uk
Sticky fingers Day Nursery-	SW18	020 8871 9496	www.stickyfingersdaynursery.com
Storm Family Centre Limited	SW11	020 7498 0311	www.stormempowerment.com
Streatham Day Nursery and Preschool-Bright Horizons	SW16	020 3780 3049	www.brighthorizons.co.uk
Teddies Southfields Bright Horizons	SW18	020 8870 2009	www.brighthorizons.co.uk
The Babydrop	SW11	020 7738 0019	www.thebutterflypreschool.co.uk
The Colour Box Montessori Nursey School Ltd	SW18	020 8870 4641	thecolourbox.org
The Gardens Daycare and Nursery School	SW18	020 8871 9478	www.gardenschildren.co.uk
The Little Red Hen	SW11	020 7738 0321	www.thelittleredhennursery.co.uk
The Montessori School	SW12	020 8673 8037	www.themontessorischool.co.uk
The Mouse House Nursery School SW18	SW11	020 8874 2830	www.thekindergartens.com
The Park Kindergarten	SW11	01622 833 331	www.thekindergartens.com
The Play People Ltd		020 7223 3392	www.theplaypeople.co.uk
The Playroom London	SW18	07733 770466	www.theplayroomlondon.co.uk
The Roche School (Frogmore)	SW18	020 8877 0823	therocheschool.com
The Roche School (Keswick House)	SW15	020 8704 4857	www.therocheschool.com
The Wandsworth Preschool Ltd	SW18	020 3319 7330	www.wandsworthpreschool.co.uk
Thomas's London Day Schools (Battersea)	SW11	020 7978 0900	www.thomas-s.co.uk
Thomas's London Day Schools (Clapham)	SW11	020 7326 9300	www.thomas-s.co.uk
Thomas's London Day Schools (St Mary's)	SW11	020 7326 9300	www.thomas-s.co.uk
Tiggers Nursery School	SW15	020 8874 4668	www.tiggersnursery.com
Tomberries Nursery	SW19	020 8785 2297	www.tomberriesnursery.co.uk
Toots Day Nursery	SW17	020 8767 7017	www.tootsdaynursery.com
Wandsworth Preparatory School	SW18	020 8870 4133	www.wandsworthprep.com
Waterfall House Bespoke Daycare Ltd	SW17	020 7018 4849	www.waterfallhousebespokedaycare.com
Wee Ones Day Care Nursery	SW18	020 8870 7729	www.wee-ones.co.uk
Welcome Nurseries Ltd	SW15	020 8704 1163	www.welcomenurseries.com

PVI nursery	Postcode	Phone number	Email/Website
Wellington's Day Nursery	SW12	0208 673 6633	www.wellingtonsnursery.com
Wild about Play	SW15	0203 565 1722	www.wildaboutplay.com
Wimbledon Park Montessori	SW18	020 8944 8584	www.wpms.co.uk
Windmill Nursery	SW18	020 8875 1873	www.windmillpreschoolnursery.co.uk
Woodlands Nurseries	SW17	020 3490 6619	www.woodlandsnurseries.uk.com
Working Mums Daycare	SW11	020 7924 4204	www.workingmumsdaycare.co.uk
York Gardens Children's Nursery	SW11	020 7223 3392	www.theplaypeople.co.uk
Yukon Day Nursery	SW12	020 8673 3307	
Yume Nursery & Pre School	SW18	020 3859 0353	www.yumeschool.com



Childminders offering Early Education in Wandsworth

Childminder	Telephone number	Website
SW8 area		
Julie Cheesman	07874 336041	
Zainab Black	07883 595099	
SW11 area		
Chamaury Wilkinson	07985 457202	
Daphne Jedidi	07947 640943	
Diana Divall	07487 617348	
Irene Lawer	07914 159103	
SW12 area		
Hayley Purdy	07865 045040	
Silvia Ashman	020 8516 4885	
SW15 area		
Angela Beard	07985 407491	
Katerine Cobos Garcia	07454 470970	
Leah Edmondson	07496 363632	
Valerie Mair	07717 412510	bearnecessities@weebly.com
SW16 area		
Anabella Ribanelli	07985 155553	
Elleni Doyley	020 8677 2540	www.homelyfeelingchildcare.co.uk
Hana Brazdova	07990 962828	www.furzedown-tots.co.uk
Jean-Marc Rougeon	07952 305180	www.papaguy.vpweb.co.uk
Julia Tregaskis	07939 059776	
Sylwia Brandt	07583 145667	
Zehra Rezavi	07939 750824	
SW17 area		
Alessandra Prasciolu	07983 988971	
Ann Jane Fitzsimons	07732 969861	
Candace Farquarson	07507 109270	www.sunnyrayz.co.uk
Hanna Cieniawska	07843 255683	
Kum Chong Yong	07723 959960	
Marcia Manning	07787 375997	
Tania Alice Ross	07946 527254	www.taniastots.blogspot.co.uk

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Childminder	Telephone number	Website
SW18 area		
Elisabeth Donovan	07950 922474	www.roaringrhinos.com
Elli Kelesidou	07988 761238	www.childville.co.uk
Fabienne Carter	07907 827586	
Frehiwot Tsega	07878 991050	
Geraldine Kennifick	07891 571434	www.huggie-bears.co.uk
Kirby Price	07908 610308	
Sharon Elizabeth Carvell	07766 538846	
SW19 area		
Judit Peter	07472 919616	
Sandra Bainyama	07944 298765	
Vicky Purdy	07944 759857	
Yumei Chen	07917 797771	



Applying for places in the non-maintained sector

Applying for a place in the non-maintained sector

You should start to find out about Early Education places near where you live as soon as possible, well before your child is old enough to start, if you plan to take up a place.

Each childminder, private, voluntary nursery and independent school will have its own application process. Most providers will have a waiting list, therefore the earlier you apply, the more likely you are to get a place in your preferred setting.



Step 1

STEP 1 Collecting information

Find out as much as you can about local provision before applying for a place by:

- Visiting the Family Information Service website: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis for an up to date list of providers offering Early Education or call **(020) 8871 7899**.
- asking the Early Education provider for a brochure or information.
- arranging to visit or attend open days before you need to apply.
- reading inspection reports on the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports.

STEP 2 Making informed decisions

Consider your child's needs, the services offered by the provider and their admission criteria and arrangements.

You can use more than one non-maintained school or nursery for an Early Education place as long as you do not go above the total 15 (or 30 for some working parents) hours per week, or above your overall entitlement for the academic year.

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

STEP 3 Applying for places

Complete the application form for the provider of your choice. Some independent and private schools have long waiting lists and you should complete the application form 12 months to 18 months before your child is three years old.

However, do not be put off by long waiting lists, as many parents will place their child's name on several school lists. The school or nursery will then contact you confirming your place some months before your child is three years old.

STEP 4 Being offered a place

When your child starts an Early Education place you will be given a welcome pack.

Your provider(s) will ask you to sign a 'Parent Declaration form'. By signing this form you are confirming that your child is only claiming (and receiving) their Universal (and if applicable extended) entitlement. If it is found that you have claimed over your entitlement you will be required to pay for any additional hours your child has attended.

Non-maintained Early Education Places are in the private, voluntary or independent sectors.

They can be childminders, day nurseries, independent schools, pre-school playgroups and private nursery schools.

When looking for a provider in the non-maintained sector there are a number of things you should find out:

Are there additional charges with non-maintained providers?

Non-maintained providers usually have overheads to pay for such as rent for using a building.

While 15 and 30 hours places are completely free of charge in maintained schools, you may be asked to pay for an 'additional package of services' with a private, voluntary or independent provider.

An example of these additional services are:

- offering a higher staff ratio
- providing more highly qualified staff than required by Ofsted
- taking children on outings
- hiring specialist teachers for classes such as ballet or language classes.

They may also have very high business overheads that are included in the additional package of services.

Is there a minimum number of hours attendance required?

Some providers will require a set number of hours or days as minimum attendance. For example parents may be required to agree to a minimum of three days per week and pay for any hours above the free entitlement.

Providers must be very clear about how they provide the free hours. This must include the costs of any additional package of services.

Early Years Pupil Premium

The Early Years Pupil Premium gives childcare providers additional funding to improve the education they provide for three and four-year-olds who qualify.

Childcare providers can claim an additional £300 per year to spend on enriching your three or four-year-olds child's education. For example they can:

- buy equipment to support children's learning and development
- employ specialist staff to help children develop their speech and language skills
- enhance children's life experiences by going on trips, offering drama lessons

To qualify for Early Years Pupil Premium, you must meet the eligibility criteria. For more information visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/eyp

Entitlement

Universal entitlement 15 hours

Entitlement	570 hours in an academic year
Settings open 38 weeks of the year or less	Up to 15 hours per week
Maximum hours per day	10 hours

Box A

Entitlement is stretched for providers open more than 38 weeks, for example:

Entitlement	570 hours in an academic year
Stretched entitlement for a child attending a setting open 50 weeks of the year (570 hours ÷ 50 weeks)	11.4 hours per week
Maximum hours	10 hours in one day

Box B

Working parents that qualify for 30 hours free Early Education and Childcare Places per week will be entitled to an additional 570 hours per academic year.

Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

All Early Years settings and nurseries in the maintained, private, voluntary or independent sector will have an identified Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCO).

The SENDCO has responsibility for:

- Ensuring liaison with parents and other professionals in respect of children with special educational needs and disabilities.
- Advising and supporting other practitioners in the provision.
- Education, Health and Care Plans (EHC Plans) are in place if appropriate.
- Ensuring that relevant background information about individual children with special educational needs and disabilities is collected, recorded and updated.

The majority of children will have their educational needs met by their early years provider or school. If they have severe or more complex needs they may need more support or help than their setting can give.

The SEND Information Report

All schools are required by the 2014 SEND legislation to publish an up to date SEND Information Report. This explains how they will meet pupils' special educational needs and

disabilities. This information should be published on schools' websites. The 'SEND Information Report' should be clearly labelled and easy to find.

A link to this information is included in each of the schools' and nurseries' webpages on the Local Offer website under 'Other details', 'Related Links'. It is always advisable to contact any school or nursery you are thinking of sending your child to, to discuss how they will meet their needs.

SEND Inclusion Fund

A fund is available to ensure that two, three and four year old children with low and emerging needs are able to participate fully in activities in early education settings. The fund is payable directly to providers.

"Low and emerging needs" may include a physical, sensory or learning disability, or difficulties in areas such as communication, attention, or behaviour. If you feel that your child will benefit from the SEND Inclusion Fund you should talk to your provider.

Education Health and Care Plans (EHC Plans)

For a small number of children who need more help, the Local Authority,

(LA) may need to make a statutory (legal) assessment of the child's needs to find out what level of help is needed.

The assessment will in some cases lead to an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan). This takes into account a child's special educational needs and disabilities, together with any health or social care needs. A child with an EHC Plan may be placed in an Early Years setting with extra support or in a specialist school.

If you would like to know more you can get an information pack for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities from the Special Needs Assessment Service (SNAS), Wandsworth Council, Education and Social Services Department, Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PU. Telephone: **(020) 8871 8061** or email: **cssnas@wandsworth.gov.uk**

Placements at the specialist schools and resource bases are made by the council's Special Needs Assessment Service in consultation with the provider and parents or carers, details available on the Local Offer website **www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer**.



Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities



Disability Access Fund

The Disability Access Fund is available to help settings provide additional support for three and four year old children with a disability.

To qualify for the one off payment of £615 per year the child must be in receipt of Disability Living Allowance and also attending a free early education place. The payment is made directly to the Early Education provider.

Please talk to your Early Education provider if you think your child qualifies for the funding. More information is available at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

Early Education provision for children with social communication difficulties.

- Hillbrook School nursery resource base.
- Eastwood Nursery ASD resource base.

These two schools offer early education and assessment for children with social communication difficulties including Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

In order to be considered for a placement at one of these schools children must have either:

- an Education, Health and Care Plan naming the provision, or
- a medical formal diagnosis of an ASD or social communication difficulties, or similar difficulties identified by an appropriate professional, or
- a need for a placement to further assess a suspected social communication difficulty.

A child would have significant needs that required more support than would be found in general Early Years settings (which are also able to provide for children with ASD and social communication difficulties).

- A child would have a cognitive ability, as far as can be determined, within the average range and the potential to be admitted to a mainstream primary school at statutory school age with additional support.

Parents/carers who want their child to be considered for a place in either provision should contact their health professional, eg, general practitioner or paediatrician, in order for a referral to be made and to discuss whether their child may benefit from the provision. The referral will then be considered by a specialist multi-agency team.

Useful information



Attendance

Accepting and Early Education and Childcare place indicates that parents or carers will ensure that their child attends every session and all of that session. In maintained schools permission should be sought from the headteacher if a child will be away during term time.

Illness

If your child is unwell he or she should stay at home. A sick child will be unhappy and may pass their illness to others. If the illness is infectious you may need a certificate from the doctor before returning to Early Education.

You should tell the headteacher or nursery manager if your child is receiving treatment and give any medication needed at home. If a prescribed medication is absolutely necessary whilst your child is in Early Education you should discuss this with the headteacher or nursery manager.

Complaints

If you have a complaint about your application, please contact the Early Education and Childcare Places Team

Telephone: 020 8871 7899

Email: eecp@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis

Equal opportunities

The council's policy is that every child should receive the best possible education. It is committed to providing equal opportunities for all children in its schools and seeks to eliminate discrimination.

All registered early years settings must have an Equal Opportunities policy which is adhered to and understood by all the staff team.

The following could be found in an Equal Opportunities policy on how:

- staff and children deal with any issues of discrimination.
- stereotypes are challenged.
- the environment reflects cultural and social diversity
- planning reflects respect for differences.



Useful contacts

Family Information Service

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis

Telephone: (020) 8871 7899

Email: fis@wandsworth.gov.uk

Information for parents of 0-19 year olds on childcare, Early Education places, family support information, disability information and activities to do with your child.

GOV.UK

www.gov.uk

Government website that has information on all government services including Early Years education.

Local Offer

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer

Telephone: (020) 8871 7899

Email: fis@wandsworth.gov.uk

Information for children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families living in Wandsworth. Find advice, support, health, education and short breaks information.

Ofsted

www.ofsted.gov.uk

Telephone 0300 123 1231

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills. Ofsted inspect and regulate services which care for children and young people, and those providing education and skills for learners of all ages.

Pupil Services

Telephone: (020) 8871 7316

Email: admissions@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

Web: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions

Provide advice on finding a maintained primary school place.

Wandsworth Information, Advice Support Service (WAISS)

Advice line: (020) 8871 5237

(school term time only) Monday 10am-1pm, Wednesday: 1.30-

4.30pm and Friday 10am-1pm

Call back service (020) 8871 8065

(24 hour answer machine)

Email: waiass@wandsworth.gov.uk

Web: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/waiass

WAISS provide confidential, impartial, information advice and support to parents/carers, children and young people (aged 0-25) on Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).





EARLY EDUCATION & CHILDCARE

FOR 2, 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

2 year old

15 hours

Early Education from the term after their 2nd birthday
(for eligible families)

3 & 4 year old

15 hours

Early Education for all 3 year olds from the term after their 3rd birthday
(universal entitlement)

3 & 4 year old

30 hours

Early Education from the term after their 3rd birthday
(for eligible working parents)

All children in England are entitled to receive a good quality, part-time Early Education place from 1 September, 1 January or 1 April following their third birthday.

Some two year olds maybe eligible for up to 15 hours Early Education and Childcare following their second birthday.

An Early Education place provides up to 570 hours of education in an academic year. This can be taken as 15 hours a week with a childcare provider that is open up to 38 weeks of the year.

Working parents maybe eligible for 30 hours Early Education and Childcare for 38 weeks of the year.

For more information visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/eecp

Email: eecp@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

Telephone: **020 8871 6223/5337**

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Early Years Pupil Premium for 3 and 4 year olds

Want to give your child that little bit extra?

The Early Years Pupil Premium gives childcare providers additional funding to improve the education they provide for some 3 and 4-year-olds.*

Email: eecp@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk
visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/eyp



EARLY EDUCATION

FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of childcare per week. Working parents may be able to claim an additional 15 hours per week (the 30 Hour Offer*).

Find out if you qualify

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/30hours

Early Education and Childcare Team
eecp@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk
020 8871 6223/5337



*Eligibility based on household income. Terms and conditions apply.

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LOCAL OFFER website

The Local Offer has information for children and young people aged 0-25 years with special needs and/or disabilities and their families in Wandsworth.

Information about **Education Health and Care Plans**

Information about **Education**

Information about **Support and advice**

Information about **Social Care and Short breaks**



www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer



Disabled Children's and Young People's REGISTER

Join and find things to do, services and support-including the WAND card



For more information contact 020 8871 7899

dcr-wand@wandsworth.gov.uk

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer



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