



Applying for your child's school nursery place

How and when to apply?

You can apply for a nursery place for your child from the term after they turn two. However, they will only become eligible for a place the term after their third birthday.

To help you understand when you can apply for your child's nursery place and when they'll become eligible, we've included a handy table with the dates you need to know:

If your child was born between...	You can apply for their nursery place from...	They'll become eligible for a nursery place from...
1 April to 31 August	The September after their second birthday	The September after their third birthday
1 September to 31 December	The January after their second birthday	The January after their third birthday
1 January to 31 March	The April after their second birthday	The April after their third birthday

Please be aware that once your child turns three, they'll only be offered a place if there are available spaces. Once you've received your offer letter, please get in touch with the school nursery to accept the place. They will then confirm which session is available.

Nursery places are allocated based on date of birth, eldest to youngest.

Scan the QR code to apply online or go to barnsley.gov.uk/nurseryplaces

If you have any issues applying online, please email our team for help at Admissions@barnsley.gov.uk.



30 hours of free childcare

Some nurseries offer 30-hour places for eligible children. If you're interested in a 30-hour place, please speak to the school directly to see how they can help you.

To find out if you're eligible, visit [the government's website](#).



When will I know if my child has a place?

You'll find out the term before your child would be due to start:

- If your child was born between 1 April and 31 August, you'll receive an email around the end of May, ready for them to start in September.
- If your child was born between 1 September and 31 December, you'll receive an email around the end of October, ready for them to start in January.
- If your child was born between 1 January and 31 March, you'll receive an email around the end of February, ready for them to start in April.

Please refer to your offer email for details on what to do next.

What happens if I'm not offered a place at my preferred nursery?

If you're not offered a place at your preferred nursery, you'll be placed on a waiting list until a space becomes available. You may decide to consider a different nursery, a private provider or a childminder.


Please contact our Admissions team if you want to apply for a different nursery and they will be able to help you.

Nurseries at aided schools

To apply for the following nurseries, please contact them directly:

- Holy Rood Catholic Primary School
- Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
- Holy Trinity Catholic and C of E School
- Tankersley St Peters C of E Primary School
- The Ellis C of E Primary School

To find out about private early year's providers, Family Centres and childminders, get in touch with our **Families Information Service!**

 0800 0345 340

 infofis@barnsley.gov.uk

You're not guaranteed a place at the school where your child goes to nursery. Please list them as one of your preferences when you're applying for your child's primary school place and we will consider it in line with our Admissions policy.

