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## NURSERY ADMISSIONS POLICY YEAR OF ENTRY 2026-2027

### INTRODUCTION

In the case of nursery applications at George Street, the Governing Body is the admission authority. They will admit up to the admission number of 25 children into the Nursery in the September following their third birthday. **For 2026-27 that is children whose date of birth falls between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023.** You are applying for a 15 hour place this will be (Monday – Friday 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.). We also offer provision for 30 hours funded places for those families who are eligible for this – please indicate if you would be interested in the additional hours section. Self-funded 30 hours is also available.

We are a fully inclusive school. If you think your child has any additional needs or consider them to have special education needs and/or a disability please indicate in the application form so we can start to formulate a plan for your child's successful transition into our nursery class. (They may not yet have been diagnosed with any specific need at this stage.)

Applicants should apply directly to George Street School using the school's own Nursery Application Form before **24 April 2026**. These should be completed online directly from our website, [www.georgestreet.herts.sch.uk](http://www.georgestreet.herts.sch.uk).

Please note that the information in this policy is correct for the year shown. Policies for future years may well be different.

### HOW PLACES ARE OFFERED.

Children who have a Diagnosis of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care Plan, in which this school is named will be offered a place at the school.

After the closing date for applications, in the event of there being more applications than available places, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied, by the Governing Body, in order:

**Category 1** Children in public care (Children Looked After). All 'Looked After' children or children who were previously 'Looked After' but immediately after being 'Looked After' became subject to an adoption, child arrangement, or special guardianship order (see Definitions). This must be accompanied by a letter and documentary evidence from the child's social worker, advisory teacher or other relevant professional. Please refer to Definitions.

**Category 2** Children who, at the time of admission, have siblings permanently residing at the same address who attend George Street School. In the event of joint custody being awarded, the address should be the child's current permanent address at the time of application. See Definitions.

**Category 3** Any other children.

#### **Distance Measurement**

If any category is oversubscribed after all factors have been considered, the places will be determined in that category according to whether a child will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission, and then by the proximity of the child's permanent home address to the school.

Hertfordshire County Council's 'straight line' distance measurement system is used for all home to school distance measurements. Distances are measured using a computerised mapping system. The measurement is taken from the Address Base Premium address point of your child's house to the address point of the school. Address Base Premium data is a nationally recognised method of identifying the location of schools and individual residences using a computerised mapping system.

#### **Tie Break**

In the event of a need for a tie-breaker where two different addresses measure the same distance from the school, in the case of a block of flats for example, the lower door number will be deemed to be nearest.

#### **Twins/Multiple Births**

Every effort will be made to accommodate twins and other "multiple birth" applications.

#### **Definitions:**

In respect of the following categories, the Governors use the same definitions as Hertfordshire, set out in their admissions literature and website.

#### **Category 1**

##### **Children in public care (children looked after):**

Places are allocated to children in public care according to Chapter 7, Section 2 of the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012

These children will be prioritised under rule 1.

Highest priority will also be given to children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted, or became subject to a child arrangement order or a special guardianship order.

A "child looked after" is a child who is

- a) in the care of a local authority, or
- b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (section 22(1) of The Children Act 1989)

Adopted –all children adopted from care are eligible for admission under Category 1.

Child Arrangement Order – under the terms of the Children and Families Act 2014, section 14 defines a child arrangement order as an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live.

Special guardianship order – under 14A of The Children Act 1989, an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian or guardians. Children in the process of being placed for adoption are classified by law as children looked after providing there is a Placement Order and the application would be prioritised under Rule 1.

Children who were not "looked after" **immediately** before being adopted, or made the subject of a child arrangement order or special guardianship order, **will not** be prioritised under rule 1.

#### **Category 2 Sibling**

A sibling is defined as a sister/brother, half-sister/half-brother, adopted brother or sister, looked after or previously looked after child, or a child of the parent/carer or partner, who lives in the same house (as

the child for whom the application is being made) from Monday to Friday at the time of this application. To obtain a school place under the 'sibling rule', the older sibling must still attend the school at the time the younger child joins the school.

### **Category 3 Home address**

If a child lives at more than one address (for example due to a separation), the address you use should be the one which the child lives at most of the time. Only one address can be used. If a child lives at two addresses equally, the address of the parent/carer that claims the Child Benefit/Child Tax Credit will be considered as the child's main residence. If you are not in receipt of Child Benefit/Tax Credit, alternative documentation will be requested.

Please note that evidence of permanent residency at the quoted address may be sought.

In addition, the Governing Body has determined the following definition:

### **UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS.**

**Continuing Interest (waiting) list and In-Year applications** In the event of more applications than available places the Governors will maintain a continuing interest list (waiting list). These and late applications will go onto this list in a position determined by the criteria. If a place becomes available in the school it will be offered to the child that best meets the published admission rules at the time of the place becoming available. Parents are requested to inform the governors if they wish their child's name to be removed.

### **Starting Reception Class**

Please note that attendance at the Nursery does not guarantee entry to the main school. Parents of children admitted to our Nursery will need to apply through the usual county admission system if they want their children to stay at George Street Primary, and attend the Reception class.

### **Nursery Timescale Dates**

27 February 2026 - Applications open

24 April 2026 - Closing date for applications

1 May 2026 - Nursery places offered to families via email

8 May 2025 - Deadline for accepting places by email/letter