



Nursery Admissions Policy

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Our Christian Vision

There has been a school in existence in Knowle for hundreds of years and a Christian-based education has always been at the very heart of this thriving community-minded village. The oldest known school in the village was attached to the Chantry of the Church and this heritage, alongside our Christian vision and values, underpin every aspect of school life. Our vision can be seen below:

Growing in God's Love; Flourishing Together

At Knowle CE Primary Academy, we provide a nurturing environment for all children and adults to grow in mind, body and spirit, enabling everyone to fulfil their potential. Individuals are celebrated for their unique gifts and flourish together through living out our school values, as we make a positive impact on each other, our local community and the wider world. As a result, children are well prepared for a future in which they will bear lasting fruit and make the world a better place.

Our vision is built upon the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9). Jesus tells us that the seeds that fall on good soil and produce fruit, represent those people who hear God's message and live it out in their lives. At Knowle CE Primary Academy, we share God's message, grow in His love and flourish together.

As a school, we carefully consider the right conditions for growth and our curriculum has been designed to enable children to develop holistically - physically, personally, socially, emotionally, academically and spiritually. We strive to ensure children develop the deep roots to learn successfully and to live out our Christian vision and values. To further provide the right environment for growth, we carefully consider how our school environment supports our Christian vision. The development of outdoor learning areas, quiet reflective spaces, our Forest School and spaces to support special educational needs are just some of the ways our environment supports our children's holistic growth.

Learning for Life

Admission to Knowle Church of England Primary Academy - Nursery

Knowle Church of England Primary Academy's Nursery offers an excellent combination of high quality education and childcare. Our main intake of children happens at the beginning of the academic year in September once your child has turned three. However, we are also able to offer places to children to begin their Nursery journey the term after their third birthday, dependent on our numbers.

Our admission arrangements are underpinned by the following aims:

- To provide high quality learning experiences that meet the needs of each child
- To provide high quality childcare that meets the needs of the local community

We endeavour to meet every parent's request for a place in our nursery; however sometimes there may be more applications for a particular intake than there are places. If this happens we will use the oversubscription criteria to determine who is offered a place.

Applying for a Place

For an application pack please contact the school.

Please see the table below outlining the closing date for when you would require or your child is eligible to start Nursery.

Age of Child	Closing date	Offer date	Start date
3 on or before 31 December 2025	7 October 2025	8 October 2025	January 2026
3 on or before 31 March 2026	15 December 2025	14 January 2026	April 2026
3 on or before 31 August 2026	15 December 2025	14 January 2026	September 2026

Applications received after the closing dates will be deemed as 'late applications' and will not be considered until after the main allocation, offer and acceptance round has been completed, unless exceptional circumstances apply. What constitutes 'exceptional circumstances' is at the discretion of the Academy's Admissions Panel.

Oversubscription criteria

In the event that more applications than places/sessions are available during the application round, places will be offered using the following criteria:

- Priority 1** Looked after children or children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
- Priority 2** Sibling* - children who will have an older brother or sister attending the school at the same time.
The sibling connection ends when the older sibling leaves Knowle CE Primary Academy
- Priority 3** Children living in the catchment area of the school (catchment areas can be seen on the council's online maps link)
- Priority 4** Children living outside the catchment area based on their distance from home to school measured using the council's online maps.

Outcome

Parents will be notified of the outcome of their application 4 term time weeks after the closing date by letter.

Accepting your place

Parents will need to accept the place within 2 weeks of the offer by completing the acceptance slip at the bottom of the letter and returning to the school office. Places that have not been accepted within the two weeks will then be withdrawn and the place offered to the next child on the list.

Notes

1. Attendance at the Nursery will not guarantee admission to our Reception class or give any advantage to your child's application for Reception. Parents must apply for a Reception place through their home local authority.
2. Children with an Education, Health and Care plan that names the nursery will be offered a place. This may reduce the number of places available to other applicants.
3. *Definition of a sibling:

A brother or sister must live at the same address and could be:

- A brother or sister sharing the same parents;
- a half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one parent;
- a stepbrother or stepsister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage or civil partnership (a formal arrangement that gives same-sex couples the same legal status as married couples);
- the separate children of couples who live together; or
- an adopted or fostered brother or sister.

4. The home address is the place where the child is permanently resident with his or her parents. When a child lives between two addresses we will use the address of the parent who is in receipt of Child Benefit.
5. If we cannot distinguish between two applicants because the criterion and distance is the same, for example, children in the same block of flats then the child or children who will be offered will be randomly selected by drawing lots.
6. Unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list in priority order according to the oversubscription criteria. If a place becomes available the child at the top of the list will be offered the place.
7. There is no statutory right of appeal for admission to a nursery setting. Any disputes over the administration of the policy will be dealt with by the school's complaints procedure.