



## **Nursery 1 Admissions policy**

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### **Article 2 (non-discrimination)**

*The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever the ethnicity gender, religion or language, abilities or other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.*

### **Article 3 (best interests of the child)**

*The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decision and actions which affect children.*

### **Article 12 (respect for the views of the child)**

*Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times.*

At Medlock Primary School we inspire children to become confident, independent learners who can achieve their full potential. We believe learning should be fun, purposeful and challenging.

We aim to equip each child with the skills they need for lifelong learning. We design our curriculum to enable children to think creatively and take pride in their achievements.

The purpose of this policy is to inform parents about how priority places are offered and to provide clear information on how we prioritise children's needs when allocating places.

**Article 28 (right to education)**

*Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights.*

**Basic eligibility of 2 year old funding**

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit
- tax credits and you have an annual income of under £16,190 before tax
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

A child can also get free early education and childcare if any of the following apply:

- they're looked after by a local council
- they have a current statement of special education needs (SEN) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- they get Disability Living Allowance
- they've left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order

The above information sets out clear eligibility and in order to receive a funded place for your child we must receive a 'golden ticket'. This can be gained by completing the short application process at <http://www.manchester.gov.uk/freechildcare> if you have not already received this in the post.

We offer places to children taking into account the additional priorities below:

**Priority 1**

- a. Children looked after by the local council or fostered under an arrangement made by the local authority
- b. Children who have a child protection plan
- c. Children who have a current statement of special education needs and disabilities (SEND) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- d. Children of staff members as it is important that staff are able to return to work to ensure a consistent and quality approach to learning is maintained throughout the whole school

**Priority 2**

- a. Children who have siblings living at the same address attending school at the start of the term the nursery 1 place is due to commence

**Priority 3**

- a. Children will be offered places once they are at the correct entitlement age (the term after their second birthday) according to the date of application received.

If we have more applications than there are places according to the above priorities we will keep those remaining children on the Nursery 1 waiting list and places will be offered according to the same priorities as above for any additional places that may become available.

***Article 15 (freedom of association)***

*Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as it does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.*