



Hazel Grove Pre-School

Admission Policy 2026-27

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This Admissions Policy is in place to ensure parents/carers and staff understand the process for the allocation of places at Hazel Grove Pre-School.

We offer Pre-School provision for children in the academic year before they start school.

The Laurus Trust is the Admissions Authority for places at Hazel Grove Pre-School.

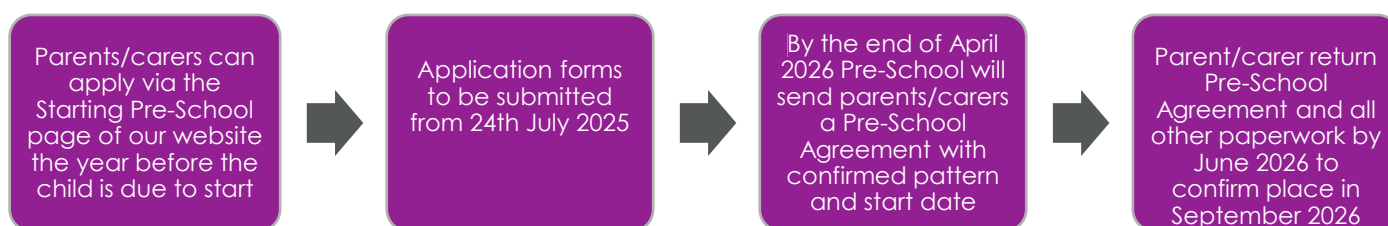
Academic Year	Birth Date Between
September 2026 to July 2027	1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023
September 2027 to July 2028	1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024
September 2028 to July 2029	1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

At Pre-School we offer 15 hours childcare provision through morning or afternoon classes, and will where possible, accommodate parental requests for their preferred option of morning or afternoon. The Pre-School is registered to care for children by Ofsted, under the Early Years Welfare Requirements.

From September 2017, eligible parents are entitled to 30 hours free childcare. This funding is intended to support working parents with the cost of childcare and to enable parents, where they wish, to return to work or to work additional hours. We offer a limited number of 30 hours places on a 'first come -first served' basis.

To find out more about 30 hours free childcare visit: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-30hrs-childcare>

How do I apply for a place at Hazel Grove Pre-School?



Hazel Grove Primary School offers three intakes per year: One in September for children who turn three by 31st August 2026; one in January for children who turn three by the 31st December 2026; and one in April for children who turn three by March 31st 2027.

Applications for all windows are via the admissions form on the school website.

Children who join our Pre-School in the Spring or Summer term will remain in Pre-School for the entirety of the following Academic Year.

Applications for Pre-School

- Applications can be made from 24th July 2025 until 2nd March 2026 (for a September 2026 start)
- Offers will be made by the end of April 2026 for a September 2026 start.
- Applications remain open for children who wish to start in the Spring and Summer Terms.
- Places will be allocated using the following priority order:
 - a. Children of staff employed by the Laurus Trust
 - b. Children with siblings in attendance at Hazel Grove Primary School
 - c. Distance (measured in a straight line from the Pre-School to the child's home address)
- Places will be offered on an availability basis, reflecting the sessions requested.
- If we are unable to meet your request in full, alternative sessions will be offered if available.
- Places are secured with the return of a Pre-School Agreement and all other required information.
- If the alternatives offered are not suitable, you will be given the option of joining the waiting list.
- The waiting list is reviewed on a regular basis and places are offered/allocated as soon as they become available.

Please be aware that a place at the Pre-School **does not** guarantee a place at Hazel Grove Primary School. School admissions are arranged through Stockport Local Authority. For more information please click on the [link](#).

Waiting List

When there is more than one child on our waiting list, the following over subscription criteria will be used:

- a. Children of staff employed by the Laurus Trust
- b. Children with siblings in attendance at Hazel Grove Primary School
- c. Distance (measured in a straight line from the Pre-School to the child's home address)

Appeals

Parents and Carers have a right to appeal against any decision regarding admission to Hazel Grove Primary Pre-School.

All appeals will be heard by a panel within 40 school days of receiving an appeal.



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