PRE-SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CRITERIA AND INFORMATION 2026-2027

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Greasby Infant School Vision & Ethos

Growing Minds
We help all children develop and grow in line with their individual talents and interests. We provide fun, stimulating learning opportunities that develop a curiosity for learning in inspiring and creative ways. We encourage all children to become resilient and independent learners fostering an attitude of consideration and responsibility towards others and their surroundings.

Happy Hearts
We aim to ensure all children develop a love of school through our nurturing environment. We care about the well-being of our pupils and their families and take a holistic approach to their overall development. Through constant engagement with children, parents and the local community, we help our children develop meaningful relationships and a sense of belonging allowing them to feel happy and safe.

Bright Futures
We provide an exciting, active curriculum that challenges all children to develop key knowledge and skills for the future and achieve their full potential. We offer a range of diverse opportunities within our curriculum through languages and outdoor learning, encouraging children to explore their future passions and leave Greasby Infant School ready to take on the world.

Greasby Infant School Pre-School
Admission Criteria

Greasby Infant School Pre-school is managed by Greasby Infant School and its Governing Body. All children will be considered for a pre-school place the term after they turn 3 years old – September 1st, January 1st, April 1st. Starting dates for the terms will fall in-line with school calendar dates.

We are able to offer 21 places in our morning session and 21 places in the afternoon sessions. We hold computerised waiting lists for these places.

If there are more applications than there are places available, then eligibility will be determined in accordance with the following scheme of priorities and in order of application on the waiting list:

- Children in care, and children who were in care but have been adopted or are subject to a residency order or special guardianship order ("previously in care")

- Then in the following priority order:

1. Children who already have older brothers or sisters (including half or step siblings living in the same household) at the school when they are due to start. We will also treat a brother or sister at Greasby Junior School as a sibling.

2. Children in the schools catchment zone in order of application.

3. Children outside the catchment area in order of application.

In addition the Governing Body has the following guidelines with respect to applications to the pre-school:

- Families are asked via the Pre-School Application form, to indicate their preferences for a maximum of 6 sessions e.g. 3 full days, mornings, afternoons. The school will do all it can to meet these preferences so long as there are places available. After all allocations have been given, any remaining sessions will be offered out on a first come first serve basis and a waiting list formed from this if needed.

- The Governing Body will consider exceptional applications strictly on a case by case basis and they reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to alter and/or amend any of the criteria above in any circumstances that they deem fit. (An example of which, without limitation to the generality of this provision, would be where a circumstance is considered a health and safety risk to any member of staff and/or children).

Key Information

Our Sessions

We offer two main sessions a day, during term time only. We aim to be as flexible as possible to accommodate parents' varying needs, do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

The morning session runs from 8:45am – 12:30pm – this includes lunchtime hours.
The afternoon session runs from 12:30pm – 3:30pm.
If the children are on a morning or full day session they may bring a pack lunch or purchase a hot dinner for £3.00.

Children may do any combination of sessions to suit (spaces permitting).

From January 2027, there will be limited spaces available with 'Em's Stars' wraparound care for preschool children.

Funding and fees

From September 2025 in England, working parents of children aged 9 months and older can get 30 hours of government-funded childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year. All 3 and 4-year-olds are also entitled to 15 hours of funded early education. To receive the 30 hours, parents must be working, meet minimum income requirements, and apply online via the GOV.UK website, and reconfirm their eligibility every three months.

All sessions not covered by EYE are charged at £6 per hour.

Any sessions not funded can be paid through the tax free childcare account or bank transfer.

Any charged sessions will be invoiced before the half term to then be paid by the end of that term. All charges for previous terms must be paid before the next term commences to allow the children to keep attending sessions. In the event a bank holiday doesn't fall within a school holiday, the session will still be charged as usual.
Any charged sessions must be paid for even if the child is off for illness, appointments or holidays. If there is going to be a continuous period of absence of more than 3 weeks then please inform the setting to discuss options.

A four week notice period must be given for the reduction of sessions or leaving the pre-school.