



Admissions Policy

It is the intention of Riverside Playgroup to make our provision accessible to children and families from all sections of the community. Our admissions policy operates within an equal opportunities framework and is regularly reviewed.

- We will ensure that the existence of Riverside Playgroup is widely known in local communities. Advertising notices will be placed in widely accessible areas, in more than one language if appropriate.
- We will describe practices in terms which make it clear that all sections of the community are welcomed.
- We will ensure that the description of the Riverside and its practices demonstrates how we enable children and/or parents with additional needs to take part in our activities.
- We will ensure that information about our setting is accessible in written form to all, where necessary we will try to provide spoken form, in more than one language, through signing or an interpreter.
- Children from the age of 2 will be admitted in accordance with our Ofsted Registration.
- We will endeavour to be flexible regarding attendance to accommodate the needs of all families.

The waiting list will be monitored and reviewed regularly.

The following factors will be taken into consideration in allocating places:

- The age of the child. (Priority will be given to children of eligible age for Early Years Education Entitlement).
- Children eligible for Early Years Educational Entitlement will be prioritised to receive their full 15hours entitlement where spaces allow. If this cannot be given we will signpost elsewhere.
- Length of time on waiting list.
- Siblings already attending the setting.

Funded places will be offered in accordance with the code of practice for Early Years Education Entitlement and any local conditions in place at the time.

Parents/carers must complete a registration form before their child can attend and sign consent for this information to be maintained by Riverside Playgroup in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018 and Ofsted Registration requirement under The 1989 Children Act.



Payment

- Fees should be paid direct into Riverside Playgroups bank account (details given when needed).
- Please use your child's name as the reference.
- Fee payment is required at the **beginning** of each half-term. By prior arrangement fees can be paid weekly in advance.

Riverside Playgroup encourages prompt payment but recognises that at times some parents/carers may experience financial difficulties. Riverside Playgroup will ensure that no child/children/families are penalised should this situation arise. Riverside will endeavour to arrange a payment plan that is acceptable to both parties, enabling the child/children to continue to attend. All financial matters will be dealt with the utmost sensitivity and consideration and in confidence.

In the event of non payment:

- The Administrator will liaise with the parent/carer concerned.
- A payment plan will be agreed if necessary.
- Where unmet payments continue the Manager will liaise with the parent/carer to arrange payment options.
- Where there is no resolution the child's/children's place may be withdrawn and further action to re-coup outstanding monies may be taken.

This policy has been adopted by Riverside playgroup

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