



DATCHET ST MARY'S NURSERY ADMISSIONS

FOR 2025 - 2026

For children to be admitted from September 2025

APPLICATIONS

There are 26 morning nursery class places available if there is sufficient demand we will consider re opening afternoons. To apply please obtain an application form from our website or from the school office and return it completed with a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport and proof of address.

Applications are put on the waiting list in order of criterion and according to age within each criterion. All applicants will be treated equally. The minimum age of admission is 3 years. Places will be offered to children following their third birthday. Prospective parents are advised that completion of an application form does not automatically ensure a nursery place.

Admissions to the nursery class do not automatically ensure admission to the main school. A separate application form needs to be completed for the school via the Borough.

CATEGORIES FOR ADMISSION IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

Places will be allocated in the order listed below:

- 1) Looked-after children and children who were previously looked after, but ceased to be so because, immediately after being looked after, they became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order. (See explanatory note 1)
- 2) Families who have exceptional medical or social needs that make it essential that their child attends Datchet St Mary's C of E Primary Academy rather than any other school. These needs must be fully supported by written evidence from the appropriate professional person involved with the family. (See explanatory note 2)
- 3) Children living in Datchet* who have siblings in the nursery of the main school at the time of entry
- 4) Children living in Datchet*
- 5) Children living outside Datchet* who will have siblings in the nursery or the main school at the time of entry.
- 6) Other children living outside Datchet*

The above order of priority applies to Datchet St Mary's Nursery.

Amongst children of the same age, priority will be given in order of distance using the same criteria as the main school.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

By a “looked-after child” we mean one in the care of a local authority or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of its social services function. An adoption order is one made under the Adoption Act 1976 (Section 12) or the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Section 46). A ‘child arrangements order’ is one settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live (Children Act 1989, Section 8, as amended by the Children and Families Act 2014, Section 14). A ‘special guardianship order’ is one appointing one or more individuals to be a child’s special guardian/s (Children Act 1989, Section 14A). Applications under this criterion must be accompanied by evidence to show that the child is looked after or was previously looked after (e.g. a copy of the adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order).

2. SOCIAL AND MEDICAL CRITERIA

When applying under criterion 2 (exceptional medical or social needs), you must include supporting evidence from an independent professional person who is aware of the situation and supports your reasons for preferring Datchet St Mary’s. This supporting evidence must clearly demonstrate why the school is the most suitable and must illustrate the difficulties that would be caused if your child had to attend another school. The person supplying the evidence should be a doctor, health visitor, social worker, etc. who is aware of your child’s or your own case and must be sent to Datchet St Mary’s School for the attention of the Admissions Officer by the published application deadline. The school reserves the right to ask for further evidence or clarification where necessary and may seek the advice of appropriate educational professionals where necessary.

ATTENDANCE

A child’s attendance at nursery is expected to be regular. The nursery should be informed if the child is absent for any reason. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to review the place of any child who has persistent unauthorised absences. Nursery places will be held open for four weeks for un-notified absences and by agreement with the Headteacher for notified absences.

*The Datchet catchment area is shown on the attached map

Boundary Map – Catchment Area

