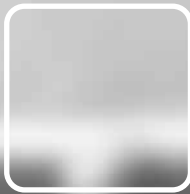




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Knowsley Nursery Education Provision

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Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read this booklet. We hope it will assist you in finding the right nursery provision for your child.

What are the aims of this booklet?

- To offer general advice on obtaining a nursery education place for three and four year olds.
- To explain how to apply for a nursery place for your child for 2008/09 admission.
- To give details of nursery provision in Knowsley primary schools and contacts for private sector providers who offer free part-time nursery education places.
- To tell you about 'wrap around' provision that can turn a part-time place in a school nursery into full-time care.

Who is this booklet for?

- This booklet is intended to assist parents who would like their child to attend a Knowsley school nursery or obtain free provision in private sector nurseries.

School year September 2007 - July 2008

- If you are interested in a school nursery place for your child for the current school year, just go along to the school as soon as you can. You will be asked to complete an application form. Most school nurseries will still have remaining places. Certain sections of the information in this booklet are relevant to you.

School Year September 2008 - July 2009

- If you are interested in a nursery place for the school year 2008/09, this booklet is to advise you. Please read on! You need to apply in advance to be sure of a place and to allow the nurseries to plan
- Nursery age children will usually be three during the term before they start nursery. For example, a child whose third birthday is on 1 December 2008 will normally start nursery at the beginning of January 2009. In some cases, children can start nursery immediately after their third birthday - check with the individual school
- Some parents prefer their children to start nursery when they are a little older. You can discuss with the school what the options are for a start date.

Private sector nurseries have their own admission processes - you should contact them directly for further information.



Free nursery education places

Many parents are keen to place their child in a nursery as they recognise the benefits nursery education offers. Nearly all Knowsley's primary schools have a nursery class attached and most can offer places for all who apply.

All Knowsley school nurseries are well equipped and have a qualified teacher who offers education in a caring setting. Parents and carers are very welcome in the nurseries and are encouraged to play an active part in nursery education. Often, nurseries can lend families books or equipment so that nursery education can be extended at home.

Places in Knowsley school nurseries are generally offered on a part-time basis – either a morning or an afternoon session five days a week. However, there are new developments where the local authority can offer full-time integrated education and childcare – see the section on children's centres on page 14.

- Three and four year olds are entitled to five free sessions a week, each of 2.5 hours, for 38 weeks of the year. The Government has plans to increase the 2.5 hours to 3 hours.
- This usually means five morning or five afternoon sessions.
- Older four year olds are in reception classes and have a free full-time place.

How to get a free place

- If you want free nursery education sessions in a school's nursery class, apply directly to the school you prefer. You will be asked to complete an application form. Please take proof of your address and your child's birth certificate. Certain Knowsley schools can offer additional day care as well as the five free sessions (see page 14).
- Some private nurseries can offer the five free education sessions. If you want a place in a private nursery for more than this, you may have to pay top-up fees for the additional childcare provision. Not all private nurseries in Knowsley currently offer free nursery education places – just those listed in this booklet (see page 15).

Where to get advice

Knowsley's Admissions and Exclusions team can assist with advice about how to contact schools etc. They are based in The Directorate of Children's Services on Huyton Hey Road, Huyton, Knowsley, L36 5YH.

Telephone: (0151) 443 3212

Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

The Knowsley Sure Start Team can also assist.

Knowsley Sure Start, Early Years Centre, c/o Mosscroft School, Bedford Close, Huyton, Knowsley, L36 1XH

Telephone: (Free phone) 0800 085 2022

Email: info@knowsleychildren.org.uk

Website: www.knowsleychildren.org.uk

Transfer to reception class

In many schools, the children who attend the nursery class of a school later join the reception class of the main school.

However, this is not a right and cannot be taken for granted. Parents must apply for a reception place by completing the Knowsley primary admission form. This is available in the autumn term before the child starts reception.

For example, if your child starts nursery in September 2008 and will be of age to start reception in September 2009, you complete the reception application form in October/November 2008.

Attending the nursery of a particular primary school does NOT usually give you a higher priority for a place in the reception class. The Primary Admissions Booklet gives details of policies for admission to reception class. It is available on the Knowsley web site and in libraries, one stop shops and primary schools. Remember, the admission policy is only used if there are more children requesting admission than the number of places available.

Knowsley primary schools with a nursery class

All the schools listed on pages 6-11 have a nursery class - please feel you can contact any of them to ask about what they can offer. Schools welcome visits from interested parents. However, we would recommend making an appointment beforehand.

The number of nursery places is shown for each school. However, not all of these places may be available for September 2008. Remember, there will be younger children who start nursery during the 2007/8 school year who will still be attending the nursery in 2008/9. The school will be able to give you information about how many places are available for September 2008 admission.

Please Note:

A number of the schools listed on pages 6-11 are part of the exciting new development of Children's Centres in Knowsley. The schools have created some full-time places from 8am to 6pm by combining free part-time places with additional childcare. There will be a charge for this extra provision. If you are interested in this development, please read the section on page 14 headed Children's Centres.



Applying for a nursery class place

Knowsley primary schools fall into two groups:

1. Community and voluntary controlled schools
2. Voluntary aided schools.

Most schools can offer places to all who apply. If there are more applicants than places, schools apply a policy to decide which children have priority for a place.

Community and Voluntary Controlled schools

This group includes all the community schools plus Kirkby Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School. You need to apply directly to these schools. Details of application dates are given on page 12 and on the back of the application form. If you miss these dates, still go along to the schools – most nursery classes will still have places.

The policy for community and controlled schools is stated in this booklet (see page 13). The application form is also in the back of the booklet.

Voluntary Aided Schools

In this group, the Governors are responsible for the admissions procedures. You need to talk to the school directly about how and when to apply. They will explain their procedures. This group includes all the Catholic primary schools and four Church of England primary schools. They each have their own individual admission policy and will usually have their own admission form.

You can apply to more than one school if you wish. If, however, you are offered a place at more than one school, you must let each school know in writing whether you are going to take up the place. Please do not hold on to two places – someone else could be missing out!



School list

The number of places is given as the full-time equivalent (fte). 1 fte generally means 2 part-time places. Where there is a possibility of full-time places being created this is stated – but remember these are only proposals at this stage.

Schools marked with an asterix (*) have wrap around childcare available on site from a registered childcare provider. Please ask the school for more information about how this might meet your requirements.

Kirkby Area

Cherryfield Community Primary

Rockford Avenue
Kirkby
L32 3YE

Head Teacher
Telephone
Total Nursery Places

Mr S Dixon
(0151) 546 4780
52 fte

Eastcroft Park Community Primary*

Hollinghurst Road
Kirkby
L33 IEB

Head Teacher
Telephone
Total Nursery Places

Miss J Withey
(0151) 477 8210
26 fte

Holy Angels Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary

Sidney Powell Avenue
Westvale Kirkby
L32 OTP

Head Teacher
Telephone
Total Nursery Places

Ms A Coffey
(0151) 477 8400/3
39 fte

Kirkby Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary

Hall Lane
Westvale Kirkby
L32 ITZ

Head Teacher
Telephone
Total Nursery Places

Miss M Hindmarsh
(0151) 477 8510
26 fte

See section on Children's Centres on page 14 as this school will be offering some full-time places.

Millbrook Community Primary*

Kirkby Row
Kirkby
L32 OTG

Head Teacher
Telephone
Total Nursery Places

Ms J Maloney
(0151) 477 8160
26 fte

Overdale Community Primary

Roughwood Drive
Northwood Kirkby
L33 9UW

Head Teacher
Telephone
Total Nursery Places

Miss J Smith
(0151) 477 8180
26 fte

See section on Children's Centres on page 14 as this school will be offering some full-time places.

Park Brow Community Primary

Broad Lane
Southdene Kirkby
L32 6QH

Head Teacher
Telephone
Total Nursery Places

Miss V Roberts
(0151) 477 8540
26 fte



Ravenscroft Community Primary

Ebony Way	Head teacher	Miss J Hegarty
Tower Hill Kirkby	Telephone	(0151) 477 8290
L33 1XT	Total Nursery Places	24 fte

See section on Children's Centres on page 14 as this school will be offering some full-time places.

Simonswood Community Primary

Westwood Avenue	Head Teacher	Mr P Newton
Northwood Kirkby	Telephone	(0151) 477 8420
L33 0XN	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary

Bewley Drive	Head Teacher	Miss C Gordon
Southdene Kirkby	Telephone	(0151) 477 8173
L32 9PF	Total Nursery Places	21 fte

See section on Children's Centres on page 14 as this school will be offering some full-time places.

St Laurence's Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary

Leeside Avenue	Head Teacher	Mr P Cronin
Southdene Kirkby	Telephone	(0151) 477 4733
L32 9QX	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

St Marie's Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary

Bigdale Drive	Head Teacher	Ms P Cooney
Northwood Kirkby	Telephone	(0151) 477 8480
L33 6XL	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary

Moorfield	Head teacher	Mr J White
Tower Hill Kirkby	Telephone	(0151) 548 6890
L33 1DZ	Total Nursery Places	30 fte

Westvale Community Primary

Melverley Road	Head Teacher	Mrs G Holland
Westvale Kirkby	Telephone	(0151) 477 8470
L32 ORQ	Total Nursery Places	29 fte

See section on Children's Centres on page 14 as this school will be offering some full-time places.

Huyton & Knowsley Village

Blacklow Brow Community Primary

Tarbock Road	Head Teacher	Mrs S Walmsley
Huyton	Telephone	(0151) 477 8010
L36 5XW	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

Brookside Community Primary

Waterpark Drive	Head Teacher	Mrs K Evans
Stockbridge Village	Telephone	(0151) 489 4906
L28 3QA	Total Nursery Places	52 fte

Huyton with Roby Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary*

Rupert Road	Head Teacher	Mr M Cooper
Huyton	Telephone	(0151) 477 8460
L36 9TF	Total Nursery Places	30 fte

Knowsley Village Community Primary*

Sugar Lane	Head Teacher	Mrs S Shields
Knowsley	Telephone	(0151) 289 5349
L32 OER	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

Longview Community Primary

Astley Road	Head Teacher	Mr K Skinner
Huyton	Telephone	(0151) 477 8240
L36 8DB	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

See section on Children's Centres on page 14 as this school will be offering some full-time places.

Malvern Community Primary

Willoughby Road	Headteacher	Mrs A Clark
Huyton	from date to be confirmed	Mrs J Peach
L14 6XA	Telephone	(0151) 477 8230
	Total Nursery Places	39 fte

Mosscroft Community Primary

Bedford Close	Head Teacher	Mr A Holloway
Huyton	Telephone	(0151) 477 8190
L36 IXH	Total Nursery Places	22 fte

See section on Children's Centres on page 14 as this school will be offering some full-time places.

Nine Tree Community Primary*

Hollow Croft	Head Teacher	Mr S Blackburn
Stockbridge Village	Telephone	(0151) 489 8044
L28 4ED	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

Park View Community Primary*

Twig Lane	Acting Head Teacher	Mr J Shaw
Huyton	Telephone	(0151) 477 8120/1
L36 2LL	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

Roby Park Community Primary

Easton Road	Head Teacher	Mr E Cohen
Huyton	Telephone	(0151) 477 8340
L36 4NY	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

St Agnes Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary

St John's Road	Head Teacher	Mr P Sherry
Huyton	Telephone	(0151) 477 8350
L36 OUX	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

St Aidan's Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary

Adswood Road	Head Teacher	Miss M Kenneway
Huyton	Telephone	(0151) 477 8370
L36 7XR	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

St Albert's Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary

Steers Croft	Head Teacher	Mr K Mahoney
Stockbridge Village	Telephone	(0151) 477 8560
L28 8AJ	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

St Aloysius Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary

Twig Lane	Head teacher	Mrs B Basnett
Huyton	Telephone	(0151) 477 8110
L36 2LF	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

See section on Children's Centres on page 14 as this school will be offering some full-time places.

St Columba's Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary

Hillside Road	Head Teacher	Mr R Dunne
Huyton	Telephone	(0151) 477 8360
L36 8BL	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

St Dominic's Catholic Voluntary Aided Infants

Southdean Road	Head Teacher	Mrs J Dunn
Huyton	Telephone	(0151) 477 8280
L36 8UL	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

St Gabriel's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary*

Ellis Ashton Street	Head Teacher	Mr K A Brayshaw
Huyton	Telephone	(0151) 477 8250
L36 6BH	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

St Margaret Mary's Catholic Voluntary Aided Infants

Pilch Lane	Head Teacher	Miss P Deegan
Huyton	Telephone	(0151) 228 4024
L14 0JG	Total Nursery Places	60 fte

The Sylvester Community Primary

St John's Road	Head Teacher	Mr J Manning
Huyton	Telephone	(0151) 477 8320
L36 0UX	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

Prescot Whiston and Cronton

Cronton Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary

Smithy Lane	Head Teacher	Mrs S Thomson
Cronton Widnes	Telephone	(0151) 424 3881
WA8 5DF	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

Evelyn Community Primary

Evelyn Avenue	Head Teacher	Mrs C Arnold
Prescot	Telephone	(0151) 477 8570
L34 2SP	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

Halshead Community Primary

Dragon Lane	Head Teacher	Miss A Abdous
Whiston	Telephone	(0151) 477 8270
L35 3QX	Total Nursery Places	52 fte

Our Lady's Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary

Ward Street	Head Teacher	Mrs C Smith
Prescot	with effect from 29 October 2007	Mr H Boyle
L34 6JJ	Telephone	(0151) 477 8220
	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

Prescot Community Primary

Maryville Road	Head Teacher	Mrs C Carson
Prescot	Telephone	(0151) 477 8200
L34 2TA	Total Nursery Places	52 fte

St Leo's & Southmead Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary for the Community

Lickers Lane	Head Teacher	Mrs J Grundy
Whiston	Telephone	(0151) 477 8410
L35 3SR	Total Nursery Places	15 fte

See section on Children's Centres on page 14 as this school will be offering some full-time places.

This school particularly welcomes applications from all children who live in the local community within the parish boundaries.

St Luke's Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary*

Shaw Lane	Head Teacher	Mrs M Clarke
Prescot	Telephone	(0151) 477 8580
L35 5AT	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

This school is offering integrated childcare and early education.

St Mary & St Paul's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary

Bryer Road	Head Teacher	Mr N Dixon
Prescot	Telephone	(0151) 426 6869
L35 5DN	Total Nursery Places	19 fte

See section on Children's Centres on page 14 as this school will be offering some full-time places.

Whiston Willis Community Primary

Milton Avenue	Head Teacher	Mrs E Maloney
Whiston	Telephone	(0151) 477 8270
L35 2XY	Total Nursery Places	26 fte

See section on Children's Centres on page 14 as this school will be offering some full-time places.

Halewood

Greengates Community Primary

Leathers Lane	Head Teacher	Mrs A Johnston
Halewood	Telephone	(0151) 288 8900
L26 IXQ	Total Nursery Places	21 fte

See section on Children's Centres on page 14 as this school will be offering some full-time places.

Halewood Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary

Church Road	Head Teacher	Mr D Smith
Halewood	Telephone	(0151) 487 5673
L26 6LB	Total Nursery Places	26 fte



Holy Family Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary for the Community

Arncliffe Road
Halewood
L25 9PA

Head Teacher
Telephone
Total Nursery Places

Mrs C Hamilton
(0151) 282 8971
26 fte

See section on Children's Centres on page 14 as this school will be offering some full-time places.

This school particularly welcomes applications from all children who live in the local community within the parish boundaries.

Plantation Community Primary

Hollies Road
Halewood
L25 0TH

Head Teacher
Telephone
Total Nursery Places

Mr M Storey
(0151) 487 5678
52 fte

St Andrew The Apostle Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary

Higher Road
Halewood
L26 1TD

Head Teacher
Telephone
Total Nursery Places

Mrs J Cunningham
(0151) 288 8940
26 fte

St Mark's Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary*

Leathers Lane
Halewood
L26 0TT

Head Teacher
Telephone
Total Nursery Places

Mrs M Gilbertson
(0151) 288 8910
26 fte



Community and Voluntary Controlled Nursery admission policy

Applying for a nursery place at community and voluntary controlled primary schools

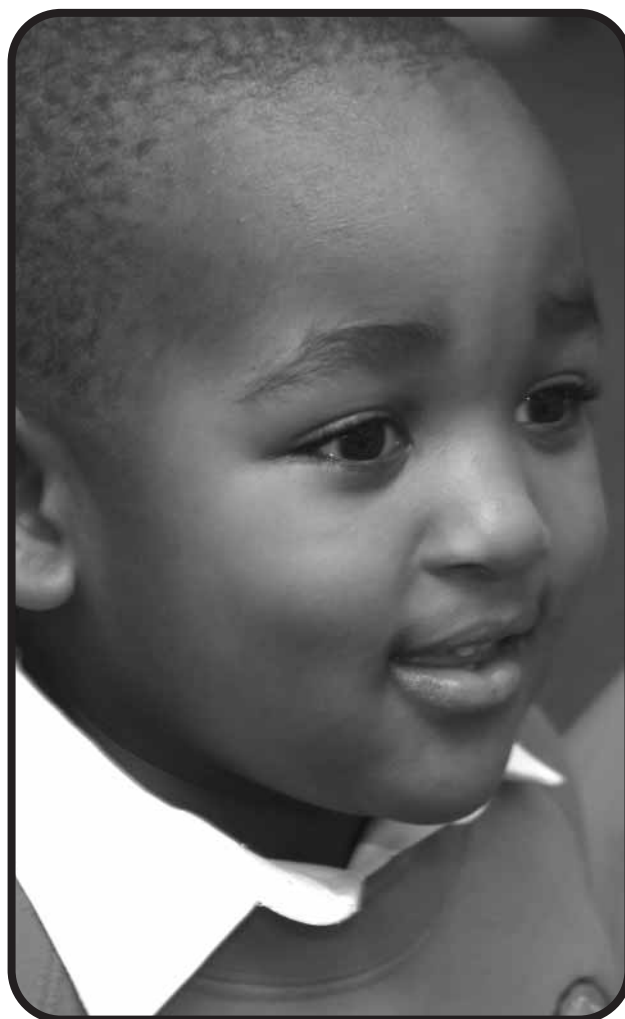
For 2007/08 all initial applicants were offered places at all community primary nursery classes. Kirkby Church of England Voluntary Controlled School nursery class has been oversubscribed for several years.

For 2008/09 applications the following procedures apply:

The nursery application form, included in this booklet, should be completed and submitted to the school. The school will write to you to inform you of the outcome of your application.

Some parents may already have asked for their child's name to be placed on an 'interested' list. This, however, is **not** a formal application. Parents should read the policy and then fill in and return the form to the school concerned, during the stated period.

Please note that an application form is not valid until a birth certificate and proof of address are provided to the school, confirming the details on the form. Any offer of a place is subject to these proofs being provided.



Applications will be considered on a termly basis. Applications for September 2008 entry should be submitted no later than Friday 14 March 2008. Parents/carers wishing to apply for Spring or Summer term entry in 2009 should return an application form by the school closing date for half-term break in the term preceding entry. For example, where a parent wishes their child to start nursery in the term commencing January 2009, the application form should be submitted no later than 24 October 2008. All applications received by the closing dates will be considered together against the policy.



Community & Voluntary Controlled Nursery Policy

Priority will be given in the following order:

1. Children in Care¹.
2. Children with exceptional circumstances who are nominated by a Knowsley Child Development Centre.
3. Children aged 4² with an older brother or sister expected to be attending that nursery class or primary school at the time of the younger child's admission.
4. Other children aged 4.
5. Children aged 3³ with an older brother or sister expected to be attending that nursery class or primary school at the time of the younger child's admission.
6. Other children aged 3.

Where there are more children in any one category than places remaining, the following tie-break will be used:

- (a) Knowsley resident children, with the oldest child having highest priority. Where more than one child has the same birth-date, those living nearest the school, as measured in a straight line, by the computerised measuring system employed by the Local Education Authority, will have priority.
- (b) Children resident in other boroughs as stated in (a).

When parents are offered a place for their child, the offer letter will give a start date.

Where a place cannot be offered, parents will be informed of other Knowsley school nursery classes with a place in the area. There is no right of appeal. Names will be kept on a waiting list. Where a place becomes available, it will be offered in line with the above criteria.

Disability Discrimination Act

Applicants who have a disability will be considered no less favourably than other candidates in the allocation of places. Schools may make reasonable adjustments to ensure that pupils are not at a substantial disadvantage.

¹ Children in the Care of a Local Authority

² 'Children aged 4' is defined as children who will have reached the age of 4 by 31 August at the end of the school year for which they are applying for a nursery place (ie. they are in the year previous to admission to reception class)

³ 'Children aged 3' is defined as children who will reach the age of 3 by 31 August at the end of the school year for which they are applying for a nursery place (ie. they are in the year previous to admission to reception class).



Children's Centres information

What are Children's Centres?

Children's Centres are an exciting development on some of our school sites and will contribute to the Government's commitment to create 'one stop shops' to support local families and their children. In Knowsley, different partners are working with our schools to ensure that services are available in local communities. These services will include:

- Information points for parents, so that they can find out the most up-to-date information about services and activities for themselves and their children.
- Support for parents who wish to return to work.
- Family support to assist parents to understand their child's development, help fathers get more involved and give extra support to those families who need it.
- A range of child and family health services - which may include support for speech and language development, for smoking cessation and for ante-natal requirements.
- The creation of additional full-time nursery places to support parents in their busy lives. These places to be available 8am-6pm for at least 48 weeks in the year.

Full-Time Childcare Places

These full-time places will be created by combining the five free nursery education sessions that 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to with additional childcare. This means that nursery care staff will work alongside school nursery teaching staff in order to educate and care for children between the hours of 8am and 6pm.

Cost of Full-time Childcare Places

There will be a cost to this additional childcare - it is likely to be a similar cost to other providers. Many working parents are able to claim working family tax credit which pays for a high proportion of this childcare cost.

Where?

In the schools' list there is an indication under certain schools that an application to create full-time places is likely to be made. As this is an ongoing development, there will be publicity to keep parents aware of what is happening.

When?

Some Children's Centres are already open and welcoming families. Please contact schools with designated Children's Centres for further information (see pages 6 to 11 for school list).

How to apply?

Applications for the additional childcare places will be treated separately from those for the five free part-time education sessions. More details will be provided about how to apply for full-time places for 2008/09 when these places are confirmed.

As a local parent, you will have lots of opportunity to have a say about what services you need to see within your area, in order that your local children's centre can make a big difference to you and your family.



Private nurseries

Private nurseries offering free part-time education provision

Listed below are the private nurseries where you may be able to obtain up to five free education sessions. These nurseries often offer additional childcare, but at a cost. You need to find out from each nursery what it can offer and what any related costs would be.

Asquith Court Crèche

David Lloyd Leisure Centre
Arbor Road Kirkby
Knowsley L33 7ET

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 548 2270
Sarah Shepard

Beech House Day Nursery

10 Huyton Church Road
Huyton
Knowsley L36 5SJ

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 289 5224
Joan Moore

Busy Fingers

St Chad's Children's Centre
Hall Lane Kirkby
Knowsley L32 1TZ

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 477 8512
Caroline Collins

Butterflies Day Nursery

2 Greenes Road
Whiston
Knowsley L35 3RF

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 426 2221
Nikki Welsby

Court Hey House Montessori Nursery

2 Court Hey Road
Huyton
Knowsley L16 2LZ

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 489 1179
Carolyn Heaney

Gingerbread Nursery

Gingerbread Cottage
Field Lane
Fazakerley L10 0AG

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 293 0384
Karen Short

Les Enfants

2A Cassino Road
Huyton
Knowsley L36 7UX

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 480 2258
L Darwin

Maryvale Nursery Group

The Ark Children's Centre
Ebony Way Kirkby
Knowsley L33 1XT

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 546 8127
Les Briscoe

Orchard Day Nursery

Beaconsfield, The Orchard
Huyton
Knowsley L36 5UZ

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 489 8455
Lorraine Moorcroft

Parklands Day Nursery

Broadlane
Kirkby
Knowsley L32 6QG

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 548 9333
Val Eden

Roby Bambinos' Day Nursery

63 & 63A Church Road
Huyton
Knowsley L36 9TN

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 480 8195/
(0151) 489 5763
Fiona Cook

Sandfield Montessori Nursery

Sandfield House
Lickers Lane Whiston
Knowsley L35 3SR

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 426 6262
Suzanne Scott

The Sue Gill Nursery

Knowsley Hey School
Seel Road, Huyton
Knowsley L36 6DG

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 482 1386
Jenny Smee

Tiger Tots Nursery

The Pride Centre
2 Simonswood Lane Kirkby
Knowsley L33 5YP

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 477 1003
Carol Copoc

Whiston Hospital Crèche

St Helens & Knowsley Hospital Trust
Warrington Road Whiston
Knowsle L35 5DR

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 430 1415
Penny Keegan

Woodlands Day Nursery & Pre-school

45 Higher Road
Halewood
Knowsley L25 0QG

Telephone
Contact

(0151) 489 8455
Lorraine Moorcroft



Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. I have an older child in the school – does this guarantee me a place in the nursery?
- A. There are no guarantees – but remember, very few of our nurseries have more applicants than places, so in most cases there is no problem.
- Q. My child-minder takes her daughter to this school so I have to have a place there for my child.
- A. This does not give you any special priority for the school nursery. Your application can only be considered from your child's home address. Talk to the school about whether they can normally accept all applicants – most can.
- Q. Do church schools only accept pupils from their own denomination?
- A. No – certain church schools give priority to children of their own faith/denomination, but where places remain, these can be offered to any other applicants.
- Q. I don't live in Knowsley – can I apply for a place for my child at a Knowsley nursery or reception class?
- A. Yes – we welcome all applicants.
- Q. Does my child have to be toilet-trained to go to a school nursery?
- A. Most children are toilet-trained by the time they reach nursery age at three plus, but some children are still learning or have a medical disability. It is easier for all if the child is toilet-trained, but there is no bar on admission.
- Q. For my five free sessions, I want my child to do two full days on a Monday and Wednesday and a half-day on a Tuesday to fit in with my working hours. Is this possible?
- A. Not normally – the schools don't normally make provision over lunchtime for nursery children who have part-time places. However, do discuss any options you would like with the school concerned. Once the Children's Centres are developed, more flexible options may be available.
- Q. What is meant by 'nursery education' as opposed to just child care?
- A. Nursery education is delivered through a planned curriculum that covers children's physical, intellectual, emotional and social development. These learning outcomes are delivered through structured play.
- Q. The full-time place in the children's centre is available from 8am–6pm, but what happens if I work only till 3pm?
- A. A Children Centre nursery full-time place offers flexibility. If you want to pick your child up at e.g. 3.30pm, you can do so.
- Q. If I work full-time and my child has a full-time place, what happens in the school holidays?
- A. The Children's Centres will be open for a minimum of 48 weeks a year.
- Q. How much will a full-time place cost me?
- A. It is likely to be similar to other childcare providers in the Knowsley area. The part-time education place is free for those of the correct age. You pay for other elements of the day.

Notes on completing the form

This form can be completed by anyone who is seeking a place in a Knowsley school nursery class.

Please note the following points before you complete the form:

- Please ensure all the information is correct. Places offered on the basis of incorrect information may be withdrawn.
- Please check the date of birth and home address are correct and take a copy of the birth certificate/passport and utility bill to confirm these details.
- The post-code is very important - please ensure you give the correct code.
- The address must be where the child lives normally. If you move house before places are allocated, you must inform the school. Your application will normally be considered from the new address (proof of change will be required).
- If applying for a Catholic school, you may need to show a baptism certificate.
- Where church schools require an additional form/information, it is up to the parent/carer to arrange to provide any details they require.
- Church schools may have their own procedures and dates for closure - check with the voluntary aided schools when you should return your form.
- If for any reason you no longer require a place in the nursery class for your child, or your circumstances change, e.g. a house move, please inform the school immediately in writing.
- Please ensure you return the form to community and voluntary controlled schools by the relevant closing date (see page 20).

In case of query, please contact:

The Admissions & Exclusions Team
Directorate of Children's Services
Huyton Hey Road
Huyton
Knowsley
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Telephone (0151) 443 3212

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Admission to Nursery Classes in Knowsley Primary Schools School Year 2008/2009

Child's details

First name(s) _____ Middle name(s) _____ Surname _____

Date of birth ____ / ____ / ____ Boy Girl (please tick)

(evidence required: birth certificate / passport and proof of address)

Child's home address _____

_____ Post code _____

Parent's details

Mr / Miss / Mrs / Ms _____ First name _____ Surname _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Tel No. _____ Post code _____

Relationship to child (eg. mother / foster carer) _____

I am seeking a place in the nursery class of the following school:

Please give details of any older brother/sisters already attending this school/nursery class:

Name	Date of birth
_____	____ / ____ / ____
_____	____ / ____ / ____

Does your child have a Statement of Special Educational Need?: Yes No (please tick)

Is your child in care? ('looked after' by the local authority): Yes No (please tick)

Further details :

If you wish to provide other details about your reasons for applying or information about your child, you can do so. You can add an additional letter and attach it to this form if required. Put your child's name on each sheet.

Applicants to a Catholic school nursery :

Is your child a baptised Catholic?

Yes

No

(please tick)

If yes, in which parish was the baptism? _____

In which Catholic parish do you live? _____

If you belong to another faith or denomination please state this here: _____

If applying to Halewood, Cronton, St Gabriel's, St Mary & St Paul or Huyton with Roby Church of England primary schools, please contact the school as they have their own form.

Some Catholic schools also have an additional form.

Closing dates for applications to community and controlled schools:

Date of entry to nursery	Closing Date
Autumn term 2008 (September - Christmas)	Friday 14 March 2008
Spring term 2009 (January - Easter)	Friday 24 October 2008
Summer term 2009 (April - July)	Friday 13 February 2009

NB - For application to church schools, check their closing dates

NB - If there are fewer applicants than places all will normally be admitted.

If there are more applicants than places, the relevant admission policy will be applied.

**I confirm all the details I have given are accurate. I have parental responsibility for this child.
I am aware a place may be withdrawn if false information is provided**

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Please Note: Attending the nursery class does not guarantee a place in the reception class of that school. You need to apply at the appropriate time and check the admission policy for the relevant year – policies can change from year to year.

School only

Date received by school: (school stamp)

Address checked and confirmed? Yes No

Date of birth checked and confirmed? Yes No

Useful Contacts

If you have any queries or wish to obtain further information or advice then you should contact the Headteacher of your local school. Further useful contact details are below:

Knowsley Admissions & Exclusions Team	0151 443 3212/3224
Knowsley Sure Start	0800 085 2022
Advisory Centre for Education (ACE)	0808 800 5793
Knowsley Choice Adviser	0151 443 3283/07919111285
Special Educational Needs	0151 443 3253/3259/3286
Parent Partnership	0151 443 3283
Central Area Support Team (Huyton & Knowsley Village)	0151 443 5771
Northern Area Support Team (Kirkby)	0151 443 4366
Southern Area Support Team (Halewood, Prescot, Whiston and Cronton)	0151 443 2057
Sensory Impaired Service	0151 443 3211

www.knowsley.gov.uk

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