



Nursery – Rising 3s Policy



Hillside Primary School operates a 26-place nursery for children who are 3 years old by 31st August for a September start i.e. your child must be at least 3 years and 1 day old to be eligible to take up a place at the beginning of the academic year. The school has a published admissions criteria for each academic year for our nursery which can be found here: <https://www.hillsideprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Admissions-Policy-2023-24.pdf>

Dependant on Nursery place allocations, Hillside may also have the capacity to accept Rising Threes.

Please note that attending our nursery does not guarantee your child a place in our school Reception class which requires a separate application at the appropriate time via the City Council admissions website. Priority is always given to children who meet the criteria in the link above but where there is capacity in our setting to maintain high quality provision and safe staffing ratios, we consider Rising Three applications.

Places are offered to Rising Threes in birthday order from our waiting list, giving preference to those children who have a sibling in school. We offer a January intake to those children who are three between 1st September and 31st December and where places are still available, we may offer an April intake for children who are three between 1st January and 31st March.

To express an interest in a Rising Threes place, initially please contact the school to add your child to the list, providing their name, date of birth, address and whether they have a sibling in the school. This can be either via email office@hillsideprimary.org.uk or via phone on 01782 235350. School will then make further contact.

We must always leave sufficient places available for any children who may wish to join us mid-year who were already three on 31st August of the preceding academic year. We therefore reserve the right to close admissions for new Rising Three applications at any point during the year to protect places for these children and to ensure we have sufficient staff to meet any additional need for pupils already on roll.

Please note a Rising Three place at our nursery does not guarantee your child a place during the academic year in which they have their fourth birthday. You must apply separately via the Stoke admissions website for this.

3 and 4 year-olds funding for the universal 15 hours will start from the term after the child's 3rd birthday (as follows):

- 1 January - 31 March, funded places can start in the summer term (from 1 April);
- 1 April - 31 August, funded places can start in the autumn term (from 1 September);
- 1 September - 31 December, funded places can start in the spring term (from 1 January); For example, if a child is 3 years old between 1st April - 31st August, they will be eligible for funded places from 1 September. These dates are fixed and independent of school term dates.

Additional information regarding up to 30 hours per week can be found at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk - 30 hours funding will only be available to those with a VALID CODE. If you are only eligible for 15 hours funding, then a top-up fee is applicable of £5 per day.



Timeline for 2024 - 2025

Any available Rising Threes places advertised in September



Communication with prospective parents and visits as required



List of Rising Three created in order of Birthdate



Last day of October – places so far are confirmed with parents



Any other interest after this date is confirmed if places are available or kept on a waiting list if not



Induction/ Information meeting with new Rising Three starters – Monday 25th November 2024 at 3:30pm



Week beginning 6th January:

See below for proposed transition into school timetable, however this can be adapted to suit the needs of the child. Attending full days sooner is absolutely fine.

Monday 6th - children attend am only

Tuesday 7th - children attend am only

Wednesday 8th - children attend am + dinner

Thursday 9th - children in all day

Friday 10th - children in all day



Rising Threes Application Form

Child's name: _____ **Gender:** _____

Date of birth: _____

Parent name: _____

Parent email: _____

Address:

Telephone number: _____

Siblings in school: _____

Previous setting (if any): _____

Dietary requirements: _____

Medical conditions: _____

Toilet trained (or will be upon starting) Yes/ No: _____

Do you believe that you are eligible for 30 hours funding? (Y/N): _____

(Please note that if you are not eligible for 30 hours funding, a top-up fee of £5 per day is payable as per the payment schedule which will be provided at Induction)

Any other information you think we should know about:

