

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Statement of intent

It is our intention to make Little Acorns accessible to children and families from all sections of the local community.

Aim

We aim to ensure that all sections of our community have access to Little Acorns through open, fair and clearly communicated procedures.

Methods

In order to achieve this aim, we operate the following admissions policy.

- We ensure that the existence of Little Acorns is widely advertised in places accessible to all sections of the community.
- We ensure that information about Little Acorns is accessible - in written and spoken form - and, where appropriate, in different languages. Where necessary, we will try to provide information in Braille, or through signing or an interpreter.
- We describe Little Acorns and its practices in terms that make it clear that it welcomes both fathers and mothers, other relations and other carers, including childminders.
- We describe Little Acorns and its practices in terms of how it treats individuals, regardless of their gender, special educational needs, disabilities, background, religion, ethnicity or competence in spoken English.
- We describe Little Acorns and its practices in terms of how it enables children with disabilities to take part in the life of the pre-school.
- We monitor the gender and ethnic background of children joining the group to ensure that no accidental discrimination is taking place.
- We make our equal opportunities policy widely known.
- We consult with families about the opening times of Little Acorns to avoid excluding anyone.
- We are flexible about attendance patterns to accommodate the needs of individual children and families.