

# Hennock Primary School



# Preschool Admissions Policy and Oversubscription Criteria

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As an academy school, the Trust is the admission authority and has responsibility for setting these admission arrangements and for making decisions regarding admissions applications. These schools set their own oversubscription criteria.

These arrangements seek to comply with the government's <u>School Admissions Code</u>, the <u>Local Conditions of Funding the Early Years Education for two-, three- and four-year-olds and the Early Years Pupil Premium, the <u>Early Education and Childcare Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities September 2014</u> and the <u>Co-ordinated Admissions Schemes of Devon County Council</u>, the local authority (LA) for this area.</u>

# 1. The Ethos of Hennock Primary School

**1.1.** We provide our pupils with an exciting, rich curriculum involving a wide ranging experiences linked to our local environment and the wider world.

We ensure children feel confident, safe and secure so that they are able to experiment with their learning.

We value the contributions of all members of our schools communities, responding positively, rewarding and celebrating together.

We provide a stimulating and varied environment which pupils have a say in, and enjoy; where their curiosity, ability to question, think and argue rationally is fostered.

We encourage children to understand the way they learn, the purpose of learning and its relevance to the real world and their future.

We foster sensitivity, tolerance, understanding and responsibility within our schools communities and within our multi- cultural society.

We provide opportunities for pupils to develop creatively, emotionally, physically, morally and spiritually.

We foster a healthy lifestyle by developing understanding and encouraging good practice.

# 2. Early Years Education Funding for three and four-year-olds

- **2.1.** All three and four-year-olds are entitled to a free early years education place for 570 hours a year over no fewer than 38 weeks of the year. Children whose parents are working may be entitled to 1140 hours a year.
- 2.2. We expect to admit children that will be using their Early Years Education Funding as well as children whose parents are buying additional hours and those that are both funded and buying hours. There may be some children who are only attending for bought hours and some that only attend for funded hours. The minimum amount of funded time in a day is 2.5 hours and the maximum is 10 hours.

### 3. Admissions to the Preschool

- **3.1.** Hennock Primary School admits:
  - Non-funded two-year-olds as rising three-year-olds at the start of the term in which they have their third birthday.
  - Early Years Education funded three- and four-year-olds from the start of term following their third birthday.
  - Non-funded three- and four-year-olds from the start of term following their third birthday.

#### 4. Patterns of attendance available

- **4.1.** We are required to offer the Early Years Education Funding in a flexible way. Our school, during term time only, makes a core offer of:
  - Morning sessions of 9.00am to 12.00pm and
  - Afternoon sessions of 12.15pm to 3.15pm and
  - All day sessions of 9.00am to 3.15pm

**4.2.** If you choose an afternoon or an all-day session this includes the lunchtime period that is 12.00 – 1.15pm. This time is considered to be part of the day when children continue their learning and will be funded as part of the Early Years Education Funding.

# 5. Charging

- **5.1.** There is no charge for applying for a place, for admission or for the provision of education. We will not request donations before or during the admissions process and any donations made to the school following admission are entirely voluntary. No bought activities, such as visits, are compulsory.
- **5.2.** The school must comply with Devon County Councils <u>Local Conditions of Funding</u><sup>1</sup>. A charge cannot be made if a child is only attending the Preschool as part of their Early Years Education Funding.
- **5.3.** Voluntary donations may be requested to help fund off site activities taking place during the school day. The Trust's Charging & Remissions Policy, available on our website provides more details.
- **5.4.** We are unable to refund fees for sessions not taken due to illness, absence, holidays or where the Preschool is forced to close due to circumstances beyond our control.
- 5.5. If a child's place is no longer required at the Preschool, (apart from at normal expected entry into primary/secondary school) then we ask that a minimum of four weeks' notice is given otherwise regular booked sessions will need to be paid for. This includes funded sessions. If you move to another provider without giving 4 weeks' notice, you will forfeit 4 weeks of entitlement funding and you will need to pay for your child to attend another provider as Hennock Preschool will claim the 4 weeks funding in lieu of 4 weeks' notice.

### 6. Childcare Vouchers

- **6.1.** Our school accepts <u>childcare vouchers</u>. If your employer has a different voucher scheme please contact the school office to discuss your requirements.
- **6.2.** The table below sets out our session times. When applying for a place please tell us what sessions you need. We only consider requests for sessions AFTER the oversubscription criteria have been applied.

Session choices	Hours	Funded/bought hours	
9.00am – 12.00pm	3	As part of the Early Years Education Funding or bought.	
12.15pm – 3.15pm	3	As part of the Early Years Education Funding or bought.	
9.00am – 3.15pm	6	As part of the Early Years Education Funding or bought.	

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  The Local Conditions of Funding are continually being updated so please make regular visits to the document.

6.3. Parents only wishing to use their 15 funded hours with us need to choose sessions carefully so that they can access the full 15 hours e.g. sessions of 6 + 3 + 3 + 3 hours = 15 OR 9 + 6 hours = 15.

#### 7. School Lunches

- **7.1.** Free school meals (FSM) must be provided for children (whose parents meet the <u>eligibility criteria</u>) and if their child attends **both** before and after the lunch time period. This generally means an all-day session. A free school meal will be provided whether the child is attending for funded or bought time and regardless of their age.
- **7.2.** Children who do not meet the eligibility criteria for free school meals are offered the opportunity to either buy a school lunch or bring a packed lunch.

## 8. Visiting

- **8.1.** We welcome visits from parents and children who are considering applying for a place here. This is an opportunity for you to see what we have to offer. Visits are not a compulsory part of the admissions process and will not affect decisions on whether a place can be offered at our Preschool. If you would like to visit Hennock Primary School, you should contact the school to make an appointment.
- **8.2.** We offer your child a taster session free of charge, parents are welcome to stay. If parents require additional settling in session where they wish to stay with their children, we are more than happy to accommodate this. These will be charged at the normal rate.
- **8.3.** There is a toddler group based at the school one morning a week, we encourage parents and children to attend.
- **8.4.** Most children will start at the Preschool at the start of the term or half term. Other children join us "in-year" at other times. This may be because they are new to the area or would like to transfer from another school or early years' provider.
- **8.5.** To apply for a place here you must use the application form attached as Appendix A.
- **8.6.** Places are not allocated to a child automatically, even where:
  - there is an older sibling attending here;
  - a child attends a particular toddler group or Children's Centre attached to the school;
  - a parent has expressed an interest at any time in the school; or
  - the child has always lived close to the school.
- **8.7.** No places will be held in reserve for a child who applies late; the school cannot hold places empty if another child applies for admission. We will publicise the need to apply but the responsibility for making an application will be with you as the parent.

## 9. How to apply for a Preschool place

- 9.1. Parents must complete the application form and return it to the school.
- **9.2.** You can apply for a pre-school place at any time to start at the beginning of each half term.

# 10. Information provided in an application

- 10.1. We would like all applications to be fully and honestly completed. It is important that where we offer places to some and refuse others we do so fairly and consistently. Where we have reason to believe that information is false and has been provided knowingly we may withdraw the offer of a place. This is particularly relevant where an address is given which is not the one from which a child will actually attend Preschool and this disadvantages another child. If necessary, we will ask for evidence of a child's home address and date of birth before admission.
- **10.2.** If you know or believe that your child's address will change before admission, you must inform the school as this may affect your application.
- **10.3.** You will be asked to provide date of birth evidence so we can check your child's age.

# 11. What happens next

- **11.1.** If there are fewer applications than places then no application will be refused. Only if there are more applications than there are places available will the Trust prioritise applications according to the oversubscription criteria below.
- **11.2.** We will contact parents to welcome them to the pre-school and to make arrangements for admission and to book a taster session.
- **11.3.** If you need help finding a place at another provider please visit <a href="https://www.pinpointdevon.co.uk/">https://www.pinpointdevon.co.uk/</a>

#### 12. Points of Admission to Preschool for funded hours

**12.1.** Generally children will start at Preschool at the beginning of a term. Eligibility for all three-years-olds to receive the Early Years Education Funding is at the start of the term following their third birthday. This funding will be paid up until the time when the child reaches statutory school age if the parent chooses to defer or delay entry into school.

Children who are eligible 3 year olds			
On or after	And on or before	Funding starts:	
1 September	31 December	Spring (after Christmas)	
1 January	31 March	Summer (after Easter)	
1 April	31 August	Autumn (after Summer)	

**12.2.** There is a legal requirement that all children begin full time education by the beginning of the term following their **fifth** birthday. All places offered in reception at the normal round are for full-time admission in the September following the **fourth** birthday. This is a legal requirement on schools but not on parents who retain a right to defer admission or send their child part time.

#### 13. The Admissions Process

1) Children become eligible for a place when they were born:	On or after 1 April and on or before 31 August	On or after 1 September & on or before 31 December	On or after 1 November & on or before 31 March	
2) Visit the Preschool in:	Spring term	Summer term	Autumn term	
3) Receive a letter about your application before:	May half term	October half term	February half term	
4) Reply to the letter	Reply to the letter within 2 weeks to accept a place (or ask why you did not get a place). You can telephone, email or write to the school			
5) Start at Preschool (or at the start of term closest to that month) September Autumn Term		January Spring term	April Summer term	

# 14. Published Admissions Number (PAN)

- 14.1. This is the number of places we intend to make available for our normal Preschool intake. Once we set this number, we will not refuse admission for applications below the PAN. If there is unexpectedly high demand and we believe we could admit more children, we inform Devon County Council's Early Years and Childcare Team and either some children will be admitted above the PAN or we will increase the PAN. The number of children that can be admitted will depend on their age, the amount of floor space we have and whether additional staff will be required.
- **14.2.** The Trustees also factor in the local demand for places. If there is a change to the PAN part way through the year this must be published.
- **14.3.** If there is an increase in the demand for places the Trustees may decide to increase the PAN at the start of the following term in order to accommodate children on the waiting list and conversely reduce the PAN if there is a very low demand.
- **14.4.** The table below sets out our Published Admissions Number (PAN)

The maximum number of 3 and 4 year old children (this includes	14	
rising 3 year olds) that will be admitted at any one time:		

**14.5.** Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available the Trustees will use the following oversubscription criteria to prioritise applications for both funded and bought hours:

- 14.5.1. A child with an Education, Health and Care Plan naming Hennock Primary School will be admitted.
- 14.5.2. Looked After Children or those who were Looked After but ceased to be because they were adopted, made the subject of a child arrangements order or made the subject of a special guardianship order.
- 14.5.3. Children with an exceptional medical or social need to attend this setting.
- 14.5.4. Children who live in the designated area and are eligible for the Early Years Education Funding for two-year-olds.
- 14.5.5. Children who live in the school's designated area who have a sibling at the school.
- 14.5.6. All other children who live in the designated area.
- 14.5.7. Children who live outside of the designated area with a sibling at the school.
- 14.5.8. Children who live outside the designated area who are eligible for the Early Years Education Funding for two-year-olds.
- 14.5.9. Other children.

# 15. Waiting lists

- **15.1.** Following the allocation of Preschool places the school will retain a waiting list. Waiting lists will be kept in order of the oversubscription criteria above. Places on lists will not be prioritised according to how long a child's name has been on that list or by the age of the child or by whether the sessions are funded or bought. It is possible that a child's name could go down on a list as well as up.
- **15.2.** If a place is only available for a short period of time, i.e. half a term or less, then the school will discuss with the parent whether it would be in the child's best interest to attend the Preschool for such a short period of time before having to find a place at another provider. Continuity and consistency of care is most important in the early years and having lots of transitions can be disruptive for a child.

# 16. Increasing the hours attended

16.1. If a place becomes available part way through a term and there is a waiting list, priority for the place will be given to the child/children on the waiting list. If the parents on the waiting list do not want the places at the times that are available then the places can be offered to parents of children who are already attending the Preschool. Similarly, if there is not a waiting list and there are parents of children that already attend the Preschool who want to either take up additional funded hours and/or buy extra hours then a list of those parents will be made and the oversubscription criteria will be applied to determine who should be given priority for that place.

## 17. Admissions appeals

**17.1.** If a Preschool place is refused, parents can go through the school's complaints process to express their concerns. The Trust will review the decision and decide whether the refusal

was justified on the grounds that the Preschool is full. Even if it is agreed that the Preschool was full, it will also consider the impact on the child and family and may still award a place at the Preschool if there is both the physical space and sufficient staff available.

# 18. Transport

**18.1.** No transport is available for pre-school children.

### 19. Uniform

**19.1.** Children attending Hennock Primary School Preschool are not expected to wear a uniform.

# 20. Claiming the Early Years Education Funding

- **20.1.** The Early Years Education Funding can be taken at more than one provider. Although there is no upper limit on the number of providers a child can attend careful consideration must be given to ensuring that the child feels settled, safe and can form relationships with significant adults.
- **20.2.** It is important that both the school and parent can see what time is funded and what time is being bought.
- **20.3.** Parents must not claim more than the 15/30 hour entitlement, checks are carried out to ensure that over claims are not made.
- **20.4.** You may be asked to help complete a <u>Conflict Buster</u> if you want some funded time with us and some at another provider.

## 21. Changes to attendance

- **21.1.** Changes to the times when a child is attending will generally only be agreed to take effect from the start of a term. The oversubscription criteria will be applied to both 1 and 2 below to determine within each group which children should be given priority. Order of priority for the consideration of unfilled places.
  - 1) New applications from parents whose children do not yet attend the Preschool.
  - 2) Requests by parents whose children attend the Preschool and they want to increase OR change the times their child attends
- **21.2.** It is expected that parents will ensure that their child will attend at the times agreed on the so that children can establish a routine and be ready to start school.
- **21.3.** If a child is sick the parent must inform the school. If a child does not attend the Preschool for a period of more than two weeks without informing the school that child's place may be offered to another child.

# 22. Contacts and further information

Academy Head	E-mail:	adminhennock@thelink.academy	
Vic Pooler	Telephone:	01626 833233	
	Website:	hennock.thelink.academy	

# 23. Policy Version

**23.1.** This policy was reviewed by the Standards & Curriculum Committee on 27 November 2019 and approved by the Trust Board of Trustees on 9 December 2019.

#### **APPENDIX ONE**

# Hennock Early Years Unit registration form CONFIDENTIAL

To register your child with the Early Years Unit please complete this form in full and return it to: Hennock Primary School

Hennock

**Newton Abbot** 

Devon

**TQ13 9QB** 

Telephone (01626) 833233

Email adminhennock@thelink.academy

We take children from the term in which they turn three; they are eligible for their 15 funded hours in the term after they turn three, you may be entitled to a further 15 hours funding (please see the office for more details) All additional hours are charged at £3.67 per hour/£12 per session/£24 for a whole day

Child's details Child's first name(s)	Surname			
Name known as				
Child's full address				
	Date of			
Gender	birth		_ Birth certificate seen Yes/No (delete)	
Family details Name of parent(s)/car lives:	er(s) with who	om the child		
Contact details 1 (incl	uding emerge	ency information):		
Parent/carer full name	<u> </u>			
Relationship to child				
Daytime/work				
telephone		Email	Mobile	
		Email		
Work address			11237 (2)	
Does this parent have	•	•		
Does this parent have	iegai access to	o tne chila? Yes/No	(aeiete)	

Contact details 2 (includ	ling emergency information):
Parent/carer full name	
Relationship to child	
Daytime/work	
telephone	Mobile
Home telephone	Email
Home address	
Work address	
Does this parent have pa	arental responsibility for the child? Yes/No (delete)
Does this parent have le	gal access to the child? Yes/No I
Contact details 3 (includi	ing emergency information):
Parent/carer full name	
Relationship to child	
Daytime/work	
telephone	Mobile
Home telephone	Email
Home address	
Work address	
Does this parent have pa	arental responsibility for the child? Yes/No (delete)
Does this parent have le	gal access to the child? Yes/No (delete)
Emergency contact deta	ills if parents are not available Emergency contacts must be local.
Contact 1 - Name	
Daytime/work telephone	
Home telephone	Mobile
Home telephone	Widdile
Address	
Relationship to child	
Relationship to enha	
Contact 2 - Name	
Daytime/work	
telephone	
Home telephone	Mobile
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Address	
Relationship to child	
Persons other than parer	nt(s) authorised to collect the child Must be over 16 years of age
Person 1 - Name	
Daytime/work	
telephone	
Home telephone	Mobile
•	
Address	
Relationship to child	

Person 2 - Name	
Daytime/work	
telephone	
Home telephone	Mobile
Address	
Relationship to chil	d
About your child	
•	ved the following immunisations? (Please confirm and date)
Two months old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio and haemophilus
Yes/No (delete)	influenza type b (Hib).
Date:	Pneumococcal infection.
Three months old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio and haemophilus
Yes/No (delete)	influenza type b (Hib).
Date:	Meningitis C (meningococcal group C).
Four months old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio and haemophilus
Yes/No (delete)	influenza type b (Hib).
Date:	Meningitis C (meningococcal group C).
2 3.33.	Pneumococcal infection.
12 months old	Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) and meningitis C.
Yes/No (delete)	7, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
Date:	
13 months old	Measles, mumps and rubella (German measles). Pneumococcal infection.
Yes/No (delete)	, ,
Date:	
Two and Three	Flu vaccine (annual)
years	
Yes/No (delete)	
Date:	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) and polio.
Three years and	Measles, mumps and rubella.
four months or	
soon after	
Yes/No (delete)	
Date:	
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Details of profession	nals involved with your child
GP	
Name	Telephone
Address	
Haalih Walis - Pr	aliashla)
Health Visitor (if app	•
	Telephone
Address	

Social Care Worker (if applicabl	•
	Telephone
Address	
Please arrange to speak with you	our child's key worker if this is applicable.
Any other professional who has	s regular contact with the child
Name 1	Role
Agency	Tolonhono
Name 2	Polo
Agency	Telephone
Name 3	Polo
Agency	Telephone
Toilets	
Is your child toilet trained? <b>Yes</b>	/ No
Is your child confident using the	
	e reasonably independent in using the toilet though we understand
_	herefore ask that every child is equipped with a <b>full</b> spare set of
• •	n cannot manage the toilet alone they will be helped. Parent
	be allowed to accompany children to the toilet. All staff and
volunteers are fully DBS checked	. ,
, ,	
Has your child previously atter	nded another setting? If so, please list the name and contact
details below;	
Will your child be attending ar	nother setting whilst at Hennock Early Years Unit? If so, please
list the name and contact detail	
Place list any known allorgies	diotary requirements or medical conditions below:
Please list any known allergies	s, dietary requirements or medical conditions below;
What is the main religion in yo	our family (if applicable)?
What language(s) is/are spoke	en at home?
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## **Key persons - Information for parents**

Your child's key person will

Each child joining the setting will have a key person appointed to them. It will be the key person's responsibility to ensure that your child receives the best possible attention whilst in our care and to ensure that their records are kept up-to date. Your child's key person will change as your child progresses through the setting. You will be notified of these changes. Your child's key person if your first point of contact for anything you wish to discuss about your child. Please keep us informed if there are any family circumstances that may affect your child during the year e.g. the birth of a baby, recent move or loss of a close relative.

be	Robyn Harvey (Pre-School leader)			
made to contact me immediatel my child may be taken to hospit	nergency involving my child I understand that every effort will be y. Emergency services will be called as necessary and I understand al accompanied by the setting manager (or authorised deputy) for nealth professionals are responsible for any decisions on medical			
Signed	Date			
I give/do not give consent to Ear situations.	ly Years staff to administer first aid to my child in emergency			
child if provided and requested to Note: Hennock Primary School v	nnock Primary School to administer prescribed medication to my to do so by myself in writing.  will not provide other medication under any circumstances  Date			
Outings and local visits in the so				
Signed	Date			
records, staff regularly take pho- used for display and for your chi website, linked social media site	g of our curriculum and for children's individual development tographs of the children during their play. These photographs are ld's records within the setting. We may use photos for the school e.g. Facebook etc and other school publications and in the local dentified by their full name. We may also record events and (name of child) to have her/his photo taken or			
for videoed as per the above condi	to be			

Signed	Date
are healthy and fully inoculated as treated. A risk assessment will be contained to the contained are the contained as a second contained as a second contained are the contained as a second contained as a second contained are the contained as a second contained as a second contained are the contained as a second contained as a second contained are the contained as a second contained as a second contained are the contained as a second contained as a second contained are the contained as a second contained are the contained as a second contained are the contained ar	ed visits of animals to our setting. We will ensure that our pets appropriate and that animals showing any signs of disease are arried out for visiting animals, and parents informed. Please
state below any known allergies or	aversion your child has to animals:
Signed	Date
Equipment	
	a bag to school daily in which they can carry books, letters and
On Fridays we do PE so they will ne	ed a change of clothes, including plimsolls.
We regularly go on welly walks so it outside a lot so warm/waterproof of	t is helpful if you can leave a spare pair in school, we are also coats are required everyday!
Sun cream	
come to school with their own, labe	ren are encouraged to wear sun cream. We ask that children elled sun cream. These will be kept in your child's basket in the e your permission for reapplication.
Signed	

#### **Snacks**

We have fruit and other healthy choices available, we charge 20p per day for snack. Milk will be offered (no charge) to drink at snack time and water is freely available throughout the day. Please bring in a drink's bottle to be kept in Pre-School. Please let us know if you have any concerns regarding snacks/drinks including any known allergies.

## **Equipment**

It is helpful if the children can bring a bag to school daily in which they can carry books, letters and artwork. Please include a PE kit, change of clothes including pants and socks. We regularly go on walks so it is helpful if you can leave a spare pair of wellington boots in school. Please bring in sun cream, sun hat and water bottle to kept in Pre-School in your child's basket. We are also outside a lot so warm/waterproof coats are required everyday!

#### Communication

At Hennock Community School, we use a texting service as one means of communicating with parents. This system enables us to send out diary reminders, changes to school clubs, sport fixtures, emergency closure due to bad weather etc. And we hope that you will agree to receive information this way. Please supply ONE main mobile number per family.

I agree to Hennock Community School contacting me by text message on the below mobile number. I will inform the school of any subsequent change to my mobile number.						
Mai	n Mobile Numbe	er				
Sign	ed			_ D	ate	
Dur	_				need to taste food. Could you leent him/her from tasting certain fo	
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Sigr	ied				Date	
	ENDANCE REQUich sessions would	IREMENTS ld you like your child <sup>.</sup> a.m.	to attend	l?	p.m.	
Mo	nday:	9.00am to 12.00			12.15 to 3.15pm	
Tue	sday:	9.00am to 12.00			12.15 to 3.15pm	
We	dnesday:	9.00am to 12.00			12.15 to 3.15pm	
Thu	rsday:	9.00am to 12.00			12.15 to 3.15pm	
Frid	ay:	9.00am to 12.00			12.15 to 3.15pm	
Lun	ch is from 12.30p	om so our full day and	l afterno	on s	essions include 'lunch club'.	
Equalities monitoring  White – British  Asian or Asian British						
•	Irish			•	Indian	
•	Traveller of Irish	n Heritage		•	Pakistani	
<ul><li>Gypsy/Roma</li></ul>			•	Bangladeshi		
1	Any other white	e background		•	Any other Asian background	
Mi	xed – White and	Black Caribbean		Bla	ick or Black British	
•	White and Black			•	Caribbean	
•	White and Asian				African	
1	Any other mixed	d background		•	Any other Black background	
Ch	inese			An	y other ethnic background	

<ul><li>Chinese</li></ul>	•	Please state	
Special Educational Needs			
Does your child have any of the following in	n nlace?		
Early Years Action	ii piace.		
Early Years Action Plus			
Statement			
No special educational need identified			