



Admissions Policy

Purpose

The Operations Managers of Aflah Nursery are responsible for the admissions of children, aged 2-5yrs to the setting. We will apply the regulations on admissions fairly and equally, on a par with DfE national regulations and the Oxfordshire County Council's working arrangements, to all those who wish to attend the nursery.

It is our intention to make our nursery genuinely accessible to children and families from all sections of the local community. Children may be registered and take up sessions at any time in the year as there is no specific in-take point. This policy seeks to outline procedures and policies to ensure fair admissions for all.

In order to achieve this we will:

Ensure that the existence of the nursery is well known in all our local communities, by placing notices advertising the nursery where all sections of the community can see them and by holding promotional events periodically.

Make it clear the nursery welcomes people from all cultural, ethnic, religious and social groups, with and without disabilities as well as fathers and mothers, other relations and other carers, including childminders.

Monitor the gender and ethnic background of children joining the group to ensure that no accidental discrimination is taking place.

Arrange our waiting list in order of application.

Make our equal opportunities policy widely known.

Try to accommodate children and families needs regarding session times.

The Operations Managers will be responsible for setting up the Early Education Funding (EEF) offer, which will be made available during term time (usually 38 weeks/year).

General

Opening Hours:

Aflah Nursery, Oxford will be running in accordance to the Oxfordshire School Term Dates for 38 weeks of the year, Monday-Friday, excluding Bank Holidays from 8.30-2.30pm.

The admissions policy of the nursery highlights the following important areas:

- Basic practise of Islamic faith
- An Islamic ethos that permeates all aspects of the provision
- Siblings
- Proximity to the nursery
- Non-Muslims who along with their parents support the high moral values of the Islamic faith.

What to expect if availing Early Education Funding (EEF)

15 hours of Nursery Funding for 2- year-olds:

How can you find out if you are eligible?

Some families will be sent a 2-year-old funding postcard stating that they may be eligible and advising them of how to apply. Families who do not receive a postcard may still be eligible to apply.

You can check your eligibility by going onto the online application:

<https://myparentportal.oxfordshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/freechildcare>

and follow the instructions on each page.

If the application comes back to say that you are not eligible you can call the 2 year old funding team on: **01865 323332** to discuss the application.

If your application is accepted, you will be sent a confirmation email. You'll need to share the confirmation email with us using our email: aflahnursery1@gmail.com so that we can make the necessary checks and begin your admission process.

Your child can take up their funded childcare place **the term starting after their second birthday**. Eg. If your child turns 2 years of age in November you will be able to start at the nursery from the Spring term (ie from January). For more on how this works please contact us on: **07900 822130**

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| 15 hours funded childcare for eligible WORKING parents of 2- year- olds as of April 2024 |
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Please note: This new offer differs from the existing 2-year-old funding for families receiving additional government support, described above.

If you live in England, you must apply for a code to get free childcare via **GOV.UK**.

If you pay for childcare and want to use Tax-Free Childcare to get help with costs, you can also apply using this service.

If you are applying for free childcare and someone else already claims Tax-Free Childcare for that child, your application will be unsuccessful.

When to apply

You can apply from when your child is:

1 year and 36 weeks for 15 hours free childcare

2 years and 36 weeks for 30 hours free childcare

| Your child's birthday | When they can get their free hours from | Recommended time to apply |
|------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 1 September to 31 December | Term starting on or after 1 January | 15 October to 30 November |
| 1 January to 31 March | Term starting on or after 1 April | 15 January to 28 February |
| 1 April to 31 August | Term starting on or after 1 September | 15 June to 31 July |

You can apply outside of these recommended dates but you might not receive your code in time. You must have a valid code by the end of the month before a new term starts.

How you can use your free childcare

If your child is 2 years old, you will be able to get 15 hours free childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year (during school term time).

We currently offer 9-12pm, Mon-Fri OR 11-2pm, Mon-Fri for 2-year- olds.

a. **The Universal Entitlement of 15 hours free nursery education for 3 & 4 year olds:**

The 15 hrs (universal entitlement) of EEF (for 3 year olds or 4 year olds) can be availed via six options as outlined in the 'Information & Registration Pack for Parents.' Hence, parents should liaise with admissions personnel regarding this.

This policy makes clear the following to parents:

- Parents will need to complete and sign a Parent Declaration Form for funded hours, as provided by the OCC.
- Aflah Nursery, as an approved EY provider can ask for a deposit to secure a child's free place but is required to refund the deposit to the parent in full within six weeks of the first day of the child starting with us.
- The universal free entitlement hours are free at the point of delivery and parents cannot be charged for these in advance.
- EEF funded places will include a milk drink (a healthy snack is to be provided by the parent/carer: See our *Food & Drinks Policy*).
- Our setting may ask for voluntary contributions towards consumables, visits and other specialist services.
- Parents cannot amend this agreement or change the provider(s) detailed within a claim period (each claim period corresponds to every half term) of the agreement without the express permission of the provider(s) and Oxfordshire County Council (OCC).
- Full details of the nursery/ Pre-School should be provided when splitting the entitlement between our setting and another provider.
- The parent agrees to accept liability for the administration and legal costs for recovery for any overpayment made due to a false declaration on the Parent Declaration form.

NB. EEF is available to 3 year olds the term following their third birthday.

b. **The Extended Entitlement of up to a further 15 hours:**

Aflah Nursery, Oxford, will also be making the 30 hour free childcare (for eligible working parents of 3 & 4 year olds) available by changing its hours of operation from 08.30-2.30pm as of September 2019.

Since September 2017 parents can avail a maximum of 30 hours per week, as long as they are eligible. Eligible parents will need to present the code they obtain (from <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>) to the nursery Manager who will then validate it and be responsible for affecting the funding process.

How parents can apply for their child to be admitted to Aflah Nursery

Application forms for Admissions along with an 'Information & Registration Pack for Parents/Carers' can be obtained from the Aflah Nursery Office. Parents applying for admission of their children will be informed with regards to a place on a first-come-first-served basis. A start date will be confirmed by the nursery via

e mail once the admission forms are completed and handed to the nursery.

Related Docs: *Information & Registration Pack for Parents/Carers 2024/25*

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