



Farnborough Road Infant School

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for submitting your expression of interest for your child to attend Farnborough Road Infant School nursery in our Caterpillar class.

We understand that some parents may have been hoping for their children to be enrolled in January 2025 or April 2025; unfortunately, due to our current availability we will be unable to make any new enrolments until **September 2025**.

We will of course keep your child's application on file and contact you should anything become available sooner.

Looking ahead to **September 2025**, we would like to try to get an idea what your preferences for days and hours may be.

Our Caterpillar class is split into AM and PM sessions. Children are only able to do one session. Our AM sessions begin at 8.45am – 11.45pm and our PM sessions begin at 12.30pm – 3.30pm (**term time only**).

From September 2026 Caterpillar sessions will cost £20.00 each and can be paid for in a variety of ways.

- You can pay for Caterpillar sessions privately and will be invoiced every half term.
- If you are in receipt of certain benefits, or if your child has an education, health and care plan then you may be eligible to receive a 2 Year Old Funding Offer directly from Sefton Council. More information on 2 Year Old funding can be found here <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/childrens-services/schools-and-learning/early-years/childcare-in-sefton/funded-childcare-for-two-year-olds/>
- Eligible working parents of children aged 9 months to 4 years are able to access up to 30 hours of free childcare. Please note that the maximum number of funded hours that 2 year olds can access at Farnborough Road Infant School is **15 per week**. Children become eligible for funding the term after they turn 9 months old and parents will have to reconfirm their details every three months when prompted by HMRC for eligibility to remain valid. You must apply for your code by **31st August 2025** if you are planning to use this to pay for childcare from September 2025. **Please apply in plenty of time and do not miss this deadline.** Details of our nursery Fees and Debt Recovery policy can be found here <https://primarysite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com/farnborough-road-infant-school/UploadedDocument/a4efa3ee-7dd3-47b5-b97c-71ed37cb06fb/fees-and-debt-recovery-polcy-2025.pdf>
- Working parents may also be able to access Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours of free childcare to help with the costs of childcare. If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. You will need the registration number of your



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childcare provider, Farnborough Road Infant School's registration number is **104863**. You can find out more by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

To be eligible as a working parent you, and any partner, must each expect to earn at least £195.36 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage), but not individually expect to earn £100,000 or more. You can find more information at <https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/15-and-30-hours-support/working-families>

You can choose the number of sessions that you would like your child to do, we recommend a minimum of 2 sessions per week. We always endeavour for parents to have their first choice of sessions depending on our availability, however, in the instance that we are oversubscribed an alternative offer will be made to you.

If you could please send us a short email back to indicate your first choice of sessions from the list below that would be very helpful.

1. I would like a paid place for my child.
2. I believe I will be eligible for a 2 Year Old funding voucher and would like a funded place for my child.
3. I believe that I would be eligible for 15 free hours as a working parent.
4. I would like AM sessions on the following days.....
5. I would like PM sessions on the following days.....

Alternatively, please feel free to let us know if your expression of interest form is for another academic year or if you no longer require a place and we will update our system.

In the event that we are oversubscribed then places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Kind regards,

Stacie Dean.

Administration Assistant



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