

Admissions

The school works within the admissions policy of Hertfordshire Education Authority. Hertfordshire's Admission Department administers the admissions process. There are separate processes for Nursery and Reception and parents need to apply for both stages as they are no longer linked. We have 52 places in Nursery and 90 in Reception.

The application dates and deadlines for children starting school in 2017/2018 are as follows:

Reception Places: September 2017 for children born between 1st September 2012 - 31st August 2013

Online Applications 7th November 2016 - 15th January 2017

Nursery Places: September 2017 for children born between 1st September 2013 - 31st August 2014

Online Applications 6th February 2017 - 17th March 2017

Reception Admissions

We operate a single entry admission where all children start school in September. Each year group has 3 classes with maximum of 30 children in each class.

Information about the application process should be sent directly to you from Hertfordshire County Council when your child is of the appropriate age. If you live in Hertfordshire you must apply on Hertfordshire County Council's Under 11s application form, either online or on paper.

You can apply for up to three schools in order of preference. If a school receives more applications than they have places available, admission criteria are used and places are allocated to those who best meet the published admission rules.

1. Applications requiring professional evidence - Statements/ EHC Plan; “child looked after” or “previously looked after”; “at risk” with a child protection plan or on the child protection register; has a social/medical reason for attending Bernards Heath.

2. Sibling Applications - On roll at the Infant or Junior School at the time of application. A sibling is defined as brother, sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, child of the parent/carer or partner or a child looked after or previously looked after and in every case living permanently within the home as part of the family household from Monday to Friday.

3. Any Other Applications – If, after deciding applications requiring professional evidence and sibling applications, the school has more applications remaining than there are places available, places are allocated on the basis of the published tie-break – **distance measurement**.

For further information from Herts County Council please click below:

[School Admissions](#)

Nursery Admissions

Children are welcomed into Nursery in September.

We have a 52 place Nursery and offer 26 morning places and 26 afternoon places; these numbers include 6 All Day A places consisting of a full day Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday morning and 6 All Day B places consisting of a Wednesday afternoon and a full day on a Thursday and Friday. Parents who choose a full day place are asked to pay a small additional charge for their child to be cared for over lunchtime. This is in addition to the 15 funded hours.

For the first time this year parents have the choice to delay their child’s entry to Reception and can choose for their child to spend an additional year in the Nursery. The impact of this for Bernards Heath could be a

reduction in the number of places available for new children to join us in September 2017. This number will be confirmed by April 2017.
For information from Herts County Council regarding admissions criteria please click below:

[Nursery Admissions](#)