# Little Ridges Nursery Admissions Policy: *2026 Year of Entry*

GREEN RIDGE
PRIMARY ACADEMY

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## Introduction to Green Ridge Primary Academy

Green Ridge Primary Academy is set on the Berryfields development, north of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire and is part of the REAch2 Academy Trust. More information about REAch2 is available on their website.

Green Ridge Primary Academy offers nursery provision over three classes, known as 'Little Ridges.' For the academic year 2026/27, we will admit children whose third or fourth birthday falls between 1st September 2026 and the 31st August 2027.

As an Ofsted registered provider, Little Ridges Nursery provision is legally bound to meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and Ofsted regulations. All children and families are welcome into the setting, regardless of their background and we promote equal opportunities and support children with SEND.

The academy co-ordinates admissions for children joining its nursery and parents/carers are invited to register their interest using the nursery registration form, which can be accessed via the admissions section of the school's website here.

Our main intake is in September for the academic year, and we cannot guarantee any further availability in subsequent school terms. After registrations have closed, you may still register your interest at any time, however, we will only re-rank applications in line with the admissions criteria should a space become available and will not contact you if there are no spaces to offer.

Children remain in the same class for the whole academic year, and it is not our policy to automatically move children to different classes based on aptitude, and movement to a different class is based on a child's date of birth, to keep them in the correct age cohort, ready for starting school.

Little Ridges Nursery operates between 7.30am and 4.30pm with funded* sessions available at designated times.

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| Core Day | 8.45am-3.15pm |
| Morning Session | 8.45-11.45am |
| Afternoon Session | 12.15-3.15pm |

The academy operates its own wraparound care, with additional costs payable separately to the academy. These places are subject to availability, pre-booking, and payment in advance. Costs for these are outlined in Appendix 1.

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| Breakfast Club | 7.30-8.45am |
| After School Club | 3.15-4.30pm |

* To find out further information regarding funding entitlement, please visit the Best Start in Life website.

All parents/carers must be made aware that a place in the nursery does not automatically guarantee a place in the school and that they must still apply via the Buckinghamshire Council co-ordinated admissions procedure, within the appropriate timeline, when their child is ready to apply for the Reception year intake.

For further information about Little Ridges Nursery, please refer to our website.

## Two/three-year-old provision
The academy will admit no more than 20 two-year-old children per session.

## Three/four-year-old provision
The academy will admit no more than 52 children per session, across two classes.

For applicants requesting 15 hours a week, parents/carers will be asked for a preference of mornings or afternoons. However, places are offered based on availability and a preference cannot be guaranteed. If a preferred session is not available, an alternative may be offered.

## Admissions Criteria
The academy will allocate places in the following priority order:
1. Looked after children or previously looked after children*
2. Children with an education, health and care (EHC) plan**
3. Children with siblings enrolled in Little Ridge Nursery or Green Ridge Primary Academy
4. Children of school staff
5. Distance between the child's home address and the school***

**A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those who appear [to the admission authority] to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).*

***An education, health and care (EHC) plan is for children and young people aged up to 25 who need more support than is available through special educational needs support. EHC plans identify educational, health and social needs and set out the additional support to meet those needs.*

****Distance is defined/measured as the distance from your child's Normal Home Address, as set out by Ordinance Survey, to the main school entrance gate.*

## Appeals
There is no statutory right of appeal for nursery admissions. However, concerns can be raised via email to nursery@greenridgeprimaryacademy.co.uk for the attention of the Headteacher.

## Deferred Entry in School/Extending your Nursery Place
If a deferral into the reception year is accepted, this does not guarantee your child a space within the nursery provision for an additional period of time. In order to extend your child's nursery place outside of the normal age range, parents/carers must request an extension in writing, clearly stating their reasons by Friday, 17th April 2026. Decisions on extended nursery places will be made on a case by case basis and are subject to availability.

## Appendix 1: Childcare costs for Little Ridges Nursery (2026/27)

Breakfast Club

| Time | Cost | What's included? |
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| 7.30-8.45am | £8.00 per session | All children arriving before 8.20am are offered a healthy, nutritious breakfast. We regret that breakfast will not be available after this time. The children are then taken to their classroom. |

After-School Club

| Time | Cost | What's included? |
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| 3.15-4.30pm | £8.00 per session | Children are offered a range of activities and can choose to participate or engage in their own preferred activity. A healthy light bite is provided at 4.00pm such as beans on toast, crumpets, pizza muffins or an assortment of sandwiches. |

Non-Funded Hours

| Time | Cost | What's included? |
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| 30 minutes per day | £3.00 per day | Provision provided for hours not covered by funding. |

Sessional charges – 2/3-year-olds

| Time | Cost | What's included? |
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| 8.45-11.45am | £27.00 per session | Children receive a fruit snack and drink. |
| 12.15-3.15pm | £27.00 per session | Children receive a fruit snack and drink. |

Sessional charges – 3/4-year-olds

| Time | Cost | What's included? |
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| 8.45-11.45am | £18.00 per session | Children receive a fruit snack and drink. |
| 12.15-3.15pm | £18.00 per session | Children receive a fruit snack and drink. |

Daily Consumables Charge - 50p per session (AM or PM) or £1.00 per full day
This charge provides your child with an additional snack per day as well as seasonal extra-curricular activities provided during your child's session. Parents/carers of children eligible for 2-year-old funding due to economic criteria or Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) will have this cost covered by the Academy.

Please note that nappies, nappy cream and wipes are not included within sessional charges and parents/carers are requested to provide these for their child.