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Dear Parent/Carer

## **ADMISSION TO NURSERY: SEPTEMBER 2026 – JULY 2027**

All admissions to Vale of Glamorgan Community Nursery Schools and Units are dealt with by the School Access section of the Council. It is our understanding that you may be interested in a nursery place as your details have been provided to us either from you directly, or via a school. Your child will be eligible for a part time nursery place from the term after his/her third birthday. Should you wish to apply for a nursery place for next academic year it is necessary for you to apply online before the closing date of **16<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

Please access <https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/admissions/Nursery-Admissions.aspx> for further information.

You will need to apply for a place now if your child was born **between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**, even if you have expressed an interest at the school or with us previously.

### **ONLINE ADMISSIONS PROCESS**

This process is quick and easy to use and has made it much simpler for parents to apply for Vale of Glamorgan school places. Full details of the process will be available on the Nursery Admissions page on the council's website. Before applying, applicants should ensure that they have read the **Parental Guide to School Admissions** which is also available on the Nursery Admissions Pages of the council's website.

Application via the council website is the preferred method as it provides parents with the assurance of a safe and secure application process and an immediate acknowledgement so that you can be sure that your application has reached us. However, if for any reason you are unable to apply this way, please contact us and we will arrange to send you a paper application form, or alternatively you could collect one from the reception desk at Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

Any application received after the closing date will be recorded as late and may result in your child being denied a place at your chosen nursery if demand exceeds the number of places available.

### **Transition from Nursery to Reception**

Parents should note that children attending the nursery unit of a school will not be guaranteed to continue education at the same school at reception age. You will need to apply to the Authority for a reception place, even if you require your catchment area school. **If you wish to apply for a Church in Wales Aided or Catholic Nursery then you must apply directly to the School as they deal with their own admissions.**

## **The Childcare Offer**

The Childcare Offer provides eligible parents of 3 to 4-year olds with funded childcare, for up to 48 weeks a year.

Children become eligible for the funding from the term after their third birthday. As long as parents remain eligible, the childcare funding continues until the child enters full-time education. There is extra support available for children with additional needs, for training, equipment or staffing in childcare provision.

Parents must be in work or enrolled on a Further or Higher Education course that lasts at least 10 weeks. For working parents, minimum and maximum earnings criteria apply.

In term time, you could receive up to 17.5 hours per week of funded childcare in registered childcare provision.

In the school holidays, you could receive up to 30 hours per week of funded childcare in registered childcare provision, allocated at three holiday weeks per term.

For more information, eligibility criteria, application opening dates, and the Childcare Offer application, please go to:

[www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/childcareoffer](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/childcareoffer)

Please contact the Childcare Offer helpline with all enquiries on the Childcare Offer and finding suitable childcare.

Call: 03000 628 628 or Email: [childcareoffer@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:childcareoffer@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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