



As a church school, our vision is for each child to have a love of learning, hope, confidence, wisdom and respect for all.

**Life in all its fullness**

*John 10:10*

**Helperbees Preschool**



## **Admissions Policy 2024**

### **Introduction**

Helperbees Preschool is a governor led provision within St Peter's Brafferton CE Primary School. Children who attend the preschool will be fully involved in our school for their preschool year/s. Each child will be valued and cared for as a unique individual. We aim to make Helperbees Preschool accessible to and inclusive of children and families from all sections of the local community through open and fair procedures. Helperbees is a preschool for 2 – 4 year olds. It runs during school hours (9.00am – 3.30pm) and is term time only.

We can offer before and after preschool childcare and holiday childcare at BASE, our onsite facility, which is run from the Helperbees building.

### **Aims:**

In order to achieve our aim to make our preschool accessible and inclusive to all families from our local community, we operate the following admissions policy:

1. We advertise the Preschool on our school website, through banners in the local area and through advertising in local village magazines.
2. We are sympathetic to the need for emergency admissions (referred via social care or health visitor where appropriate) if we have space available.
3. Our whole school building, including Helperbees, is designed to make it accessible to children and families with disabilities.
4. We monitor the gender and ethnic background of children joining the group to ensure that no accidental discrimination is taking place.
5. We follow school policies, and these are available on our website.
6. As far as possible we are flexible about attendance patterns in order to accommodate the needs of individual families, for example in the number and combination of hours they attend each week.

### **Helperbees Admissions**

- Applications for a place at Helperbees can be submitted at any time using the Helperbees application form which can be found on the school website.
- Places are offered on a first come first served basis.

- Entry to Helperbees for a funded place occurs at the start of a term. Non-funded places can start at any time.
- If a child has not secured a place at Helperbees and is due to start at St Peter's Brafferton the following academic year (ie. the coming September), they will be prioritised on the waiting list. This is in order to facilitate transition to main school.

Helperbees waiting list will then take account of the following criteria:

- Children who are looked after (LAC) e.g. fostered or adopted
- Children who have an EHCP or Special Education Needs
- Other circumstances affecting the child
- Referrals from outside agencies
- Siblings attending the preschool or St Peter's Brafferton CE Primary School
- Local catchment area

### **School Admissions**

Attendance at Helperbees Preschool does not guarantee a school place at St Peter's Brafferton CE VA Primary School nor does it give priority over other children who do not attend Helperbees. An admission application for a school place must be completed in the normal way and submitted to North Yorkshire County Council by the deadline date [School admissions | North Yorkshire Council](#). Further details can be seen in our school Admission Policy on our school website.

### **Key Facts**

- Helperbees Preschool provides care for children aged 2 years to 4 years.
- Free Early Education (free entitlement) funding is provided from the Government via North Yorkshire Council:
  - Eligible working parents of 2-year-olds are now able to access [15 hours childcare](#). Eligible working parents of 3- and 4-year-olds are also able to access [30 hours](#) of government-funded childcare.
  - From **September 2024**, 15 hours childcare support will be extended to eligible working parents with a child from 9-months-old.

These hours can be used over 38 weeks of the year during school term time, or up to 48 weeks if you use fewer than your total hours per week.

You can start using the entitlements from the term after you apply. These terms begin on 1 January, 1 April and 1 September.

- We also accept applications for 2 year old funding or extended eligibility funding; you can check your eligibility at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).
- Additional hours can be paid for, this is dependent on spaces being available.
- At Helperbees Preschool a parent may apply for as many hours as they choose for their child.

- Places are allocated on a first come first served and if the requested days are not available, we will add the child's name to a waiting list.

**Monitored by: FGB**

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