



Kernow Learning
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Sky Primary and Eden Project Nursery Admission Policy 2023-2024

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Introductory statement

Sky Primary and Eden Project Nursery is a one-form entry primary school located in the West Carclaze Garden Village with a vision to be an outstanding school with a global learning and sustainability ethos which has a clear focus on preparing pupils to be responsible global citizens of the future.

Admission number(s)

The school has an admission number of 30 in reception. The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number(s) for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Application process

The Board of Trustees of Kernow Learning is the Admissions Authority for the Academy (The Admissions Authority) as part of the co-ordinated scheme with the Local Authority. This means that parents must apply to the Local Authority for a place at the Academy using the Common Application Form which must be returned to the Local Authority as specified on the form.

Alternatively, parents may apply online directly to the Local Authority at:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions.

Oversubscription criteria

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan at Sky Primary and Eden Project Nursery, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Children in care and previously looked after children who left care under a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. All children adopted from care. Children in care or children that were previously in care 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 care as a result of being adopted.* *subject to Parliamentary approval of the School Admissions Code 2021.
2. Priority will be given to children living within the West Carclaze Garden Village area.
3. Priority will then be given to children living within a 2 mile radius of the West Carclaze Garden Village (PL26 8WE) area set out in the map at the end of this policy. Children living on the boundary line will be considered to be living within the catchment area.



4. Priority will then be given to children based on their exceptional medical or social needs or those of their parents. Each application must include evidence, from a medical specialist or social worker of the child/parent's need and why they must attend this school rather than any other, based on those needs. If evidence is not submitted to the Local Authority with the application, a child's or parent's medical or social needs cannot be considered.
5. Priority will next be given to the children of staff who have been recruited to work at Sky Primary and Eden Project Nursery, the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
6. Other children.

Tie-break

If in categories 2-6 above a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home (centre of the main building of the property) to the front gates of the school in a straight line.

Random allocation undertaken by the local authority will be used as a tie-break in categories 2-6 above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the academy/free school is equidistant in any two or more cases.

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. We will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

Late applications

All applications received by Cornwall Council after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

Deferred entry for infants

Parents offered a place in reception for their child have a right to defer the date their child is admitted, or to take the place up part-time, until the child reaches compulsory school age. Places cannot be deferred beyond the beginning of the final term of the school year for which the offer was made.



Children reach compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their 5th birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31 August, 31 December and 31 March.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested and the year group in which they wish their child to be allocated a place.

When such a request is made, the academy trust will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent. Please see the Kernow Learning Delayed and Deferred Policy for more information.

Waiting lists

Where the school receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate until the end of the academic year. This will be maintained by the local authority and it will be open to any parent to ask for his or her child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

Children's position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. Where places become vacant they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be reordered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria whenever anyone is added to or leaves the waiting list.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appellants should contact schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk for information on how to appeal. Appeals must be submitted within 20 school days of the notification of allocations. Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on our website at



Notes:

Children in Care:

Children in care and children who were previously in care A 'child in care' is also referred to as a 'looked after child' and 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).

A 'Child Arrangement Order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'Special Guardianship Order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society (see Section 23ZZA(8) of the Children Act 1989 (inserted by Section 4 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017))

Home address:

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received where the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be taken as the address where the child is registered with the doctor. If the residence is not split equally between both parents then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

Sibling:

'Sibling' means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister or other child living in the same household as part of the same family who, in any of these cases, will be living at the same address at the date of their application for a place.

Medical and Social Need:

'Social need' does not include a parent's wish that a child attends the school because of a child's aptitude or ability or because their friends attend the school. 'Medical need' does not include mild medical conditions.





How distances will be measured:

Home to school distances used for tie-breaking will be established using a straight-line measurement as determined by Capita One and supported by Cornwall Council's nominated Geographic Information System software. Measurements will be between the home address (the centre of the main building of the property) and the main gate of the school (as determined by Cornwall Council).



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Catchment Map - Two Mile Radius of West Carclaze Garden Village

