



East Morton CE Primary School

Nursery Information

Eligibility for Nursery School

All children in England are entitled a free early education place for up to 15 hours per week, starting from the term after they turn three. These places can be taken up in school nursery classes or with approved day nurseries, preschools, childminders or independent schools. This information is for families who would like their child to take up their Universal Entitlement at East Morton CE Primary School's Nursery.

Children can start nursery from the beginning of the school term after their third birthday. You can work out the earliest date your child will be eligible to start from the table below:

If their 3rd birthday is between:	They will be eligible to start nursery in:
1 st April and 31 st August	Autumn term (after the Summer holidays in September)
1 st September and 31 st December	Spring term (after the Christmas holidays in January)
1 st January and 31 st March	Summer term (after the Easter holidays in April)

Depending on when in the academic year a child's third birthday falls, they will be eligible to attend nursery for up to a maximum of five terms and a minimum of three terms, before they are due to start full time school in reception.

In addition to the Universal Entitlement of 15 hours, many working families can get up to 15 extra hours a week of free early education and childcare for their 3 or 4-year-old children, making up to 30 hours in total. Parents must check their eligibility for this Extended Entitlement via HMRC's Childcare Service. You can do this up to 16 weeks before your child turns three. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/check-eligible-free-childcare-if-youre-working> for further information, to check eligibility and obtain an eligibility code.

Hours at East Morton's Nursery

The 15 hour entitlement at East Morton CE Primary School Nursery is available as *either* five full mornings or five full afternoons per week during term time (38 weeks). If you are eligible for the 15 extra hours (30 hours in total), this can be used to access five full days per week.

Our nursery hours are:

Morning sessions: 8.55am - 11.55am (3 hours)

Afternoon sessions: 12.05pm - 3.05pm (3 hours)

Full days: 8.55am - 3.05pm (6 hours)

If a child attends East Morton's Nursery, parents & carers can access, school's wrap-around care, Morton Marvels. Morton Marvels runs before school from 7.30am at a cost of £5.00 per session, and after school until 5.30pm at a cost of £8.50 per session. You may be eligible to apply for additional funding which can be used towards the cost of wrap-around care. Visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for further information.

Applying for a Nursery Place at East Morton CE Primary School

Applications should be submitted by the end of February for places starting in September. Applications after this date will not be considered until all on-time allocations of places have been made and parents have been informed.

Following the closing date for applications, places will be allocated according to the criteria set out in our Nursery Admissions Policy.

In order to give the maximum number of children the opportunity to have their full three terms in a community school nursery, places will first be allocated to children eligible to start nursery in the Autumn term (September). Once the new academic year has started in September, applications that have been received for children eligible to start in the Spring term (January) will be considered and parents will be informed at the beginning of November. Any remaining places for children eligible to start in the Summer term (after Easter) will not be offered until March of that year.

If your child is not eligible to start nursery until the Spring or Summer terms and there are no available places during that academic year, your application form will be kept (unless you withdraw it) for consideration for admission the following September – you do not need to submit another application form.

Timetable for Allocation of Places

November	An Open Morning will be held for parents/carers and children wishing to visit the Nursery.
End of February	Deadline for applications for children eligible to start in the Autumn term (September).
During March	Application forms considered and places allocated based on the Admissions policy if oversubscribed.
End of March	Places offered to parents/carers for September.
Summer term (after Easter)	Late applications for a September start considered and places allocated if available.
Autumn term	If there are spaces still available, any application forms received for children eligible to start in the Spring term will be considered during the Autumn term and places will be offered after October half term.
Spring term	If there are spaces available, any applications forms received for children eligible to start in the Summer term (after Easter) will be considered and places will be offered after February half term.