



## **Bessemer Primary School**

### **Admissions Policy for Little Stars**

Bessemer Little Stars provides childcare and preschool education in a combination of privately funded and government funded places for two-year olds. Both full time and part time places are available, although availability is dependent on capacity.

#### **Free Places**

From the term after their second birthday some children are entitled to 15 hours of free Early Years education per week during term time. Parents of these children will be informed of their entitlement by the local authority. At Bessemer we have a number of part time places reserved for those entitled to free provision. We endeavour to be as flexible as possible concerning the timings of these hours across the week; children can attend for five mornings, five afternoons or two and a half days, although this depends on capacity and availability of particular places. Morning sessions run from 8.45 until 11.45 and afternoon sessions are from 12.45 until 3.45. Depending on capacity, parents who are entitled to free provision can choose to 'top up' their hours by paying for some further sessions privately.

#### **Privately Funded Places**

We also provide full and part time privately funded places for children once they have turned two. Privately funded places are available for 39 weeks a year. The full time day runs from 8am until 5.45pm. Privately funded part time places are four and a half or five hours long (am 8.00 – 12.30, pm 12.45 – 5.45).

#### **Admissions Procedure**

Applications for places in Little Stars can be made through the main school office once a child has reached his or her 1st birthday. If Little Stars is oversubscribed the following criteria will be used to allocate places:

- Children who are entitled to free provision, up to a maximum of 16 children (50% of available places).
- Siblings of children already attending Bessemer or of children who have been allocated a place at Bessemer in the coming year and children of the Bessemer and Keyworth Federation staff members.
- Children with exceptional medical, educational or social needs, where it is agreed by the Local Authority and the school that these can be best met at Bessemer Grange, supported by current written evidence from an appropriate professional.
- Children whose applications are received first.