



Waiting List Policy September 2026

Home-Grown does operate a waiting list of people who are interested in taking up a place with us. We require your contact details, the age of the child, an approximate time of when you would like the childcare to start from and how many days of childcare required.

Our main intake for new children is at the start of the **Autumn term of each year (September)**, when our preschool children have moved on to school.

Places become available each September so we can book places in advance for a September start. If you want to start at any other time during the year, we may be able to book the place depending on availability. However, we cannot guarantee a space if you are wanting to book more than a month in advance.

Our waiting list is *not* a first come first serve basis. If a place does become available during the year, the space will be offered to someone who can start the available place with immediate effect.

Can I visit your setting?

Yes, of course!

But to avoid unnecessary disruption to our daily routine, we tend to only offer visits to our setting no more than 6 months before a potential placement.

Which setting can my child attend?

The House (Nursery) setting is open on a **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** 7.45am till 5.45pm and takes children from the age of 6 months to 4 years old.

The nursery setting is **term time only for children under 2 years of age**. However, we offer a holiday club for children aged 2 and over, at our preschool setting.

The Preschool setting is open Monday to Friday 7.45am till 5.30pm, all year round (approx. 49 weeks) and takes children from 2½ to 4 years old.

How many hours can my child attend?

Our minimum requirement is one day per week. Your child must also be booked in for a minimum of 6 hours per day.

When will I know I have a guaranteed place?

When a space becomes available, we will contact you with an offer of our availability. If the available hours suit your needs, you will invite you in to complete a contract approximately a month before your start date.