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Reach For The Stars

## **Nursery Admissions Procedure and Guidelines**



### **1. At Osmani, we value:**

1. Difference and respect each other
2. Health and Wellbeing
3. High aspirations and enjoyment of learning
4. Honest feedback to one another
5. Supporting and empowering each other

### **2. SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT**

**Our purpose is to develop an inclusive school, which promotes and achieves excellence, and continues to nurture the values, confidence and skills of pupils, staff and the community, in order to meet the emerging opportunities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.**

### **3. Therefore we aim to:**

#### **Foster the enjoyment of learning by**

- having the highest expectations of achievement
- providing a broad, balanced and enriched curriculum
- teaching and learning in varied and creative ways
- encouraging talking, questioning, curious and open minds
- being open to change and innovation in order to improve

#### **Promote the health and wellbeing of all by**

- valuing everyone equally and believing that everyone is important
- giving everyone the opportunities to develop their potential
- supporting and promoting a safe and healthy lifestyle
- having the highest expectations of behaviour
- developing high quality relationships between all members of the school community

#### **Promote a collaborative community by**

- valuing our differences and learning from each other
- listening to each other and working co-operatively in groups and teams
- working with our parents and carers, other schools, organisations, businesses, local, national and international communities
- letting each other know how well we are doing and how to do even better

### **Prepare for our future wellbeing by**

- caring for the school environment and the wider environment
- thinking about the future and our roles and responsibilities as citizens
- being ready for opportunities and challenges
- aiming to become life-long learner

### **Equal Opportunities and the Single Equality Scheme**

We believe that all those who work in Osmani - children and adults - have the right to be treated fairly and with respect by everyone connected with the school.

We aim for Osmani to be a safe, supportive place, where all children and adults feel valued as individuals, whatever their **ability, age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy & maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.**

The school aims to foster the social and personal skills of co-operation, sharing and mutual respect.

### ***Introduction***

Nursery place allocation in Tower Hamlets has changed recently due to an increase in birth rate.

This leaflet explains how this may affect your application to an Osmani Nursery class.

### ***Why should I send my child to Nursery?***

Attending our Nursery class will be a valuable introduction for your child to school life. The Nursery class at Osmani has a very similar structure to the



Reception classes and so will help develop your child's skills ready for them to attend Reception.

A place at Osmani Nursery does not guarantee a place in one of our Reception classes. You will have to complete a separate application form for a place in Reception. There will be an information session about this during the Nursery year.

***How is a decision made about application to Nursery classes?***

Where there is insufficient Nursery places, priority in the 2015/16 school year will be given by the Headteacher in the following order:

1. Children who are or have been looked after by the local authority within one year prior to the admission date (children in public care).
2. Where there are exceptional social/educational/medical needs for the school applied to. You will be asked to provide a report from a professional to support the application e.g. from a doctor or social worker.
3. Children with brothers or sisters in the school at the time of admission.
4. Children living in the designated priority areas for Stepney schools. Within this category, priority will be given to pupils who live nearest the school, as measured by the shortest walking distance to the nearest available pupil entrance in constant use.
5. To those living nearest the school.





With the recent changes to Nursery places in the borough, Osmani has 52 full-time places available.

**Full-time 8:55am until 3:10pm**

All Nursery places are offered without charge.

***What if my child is not offered a place at Osmani?***

If you have applied for a place at Osmani Nursery, but have not been offered a place, you can ask for your child to be placed on the school's waiting list. Your child will be ranked using the admissions criteria as shown overleaf. A place will then be offered when it arises.

***What happens if I don't get offered a Nursery place at any of the places I have applied to?***

Please contact the Parents Advice Centre (30 Greatorex Street E1 5NP, tel. 020 7364 6489) or your local Children's Centre for information about crèches, nurseries and child-minders in your local area.