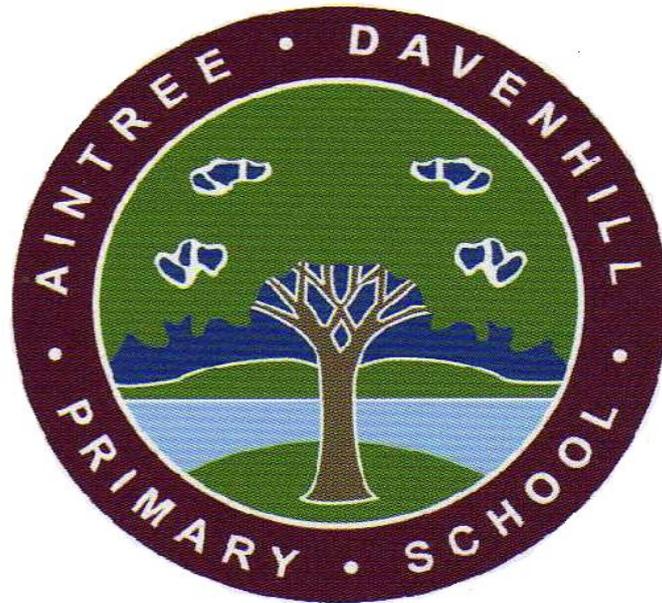


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Approved by the Governing Board on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Signed *C Jones*

Chair

Review date January 2027

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Children attending Aintree Davenhill Nursery are led through the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum by highly qualified teachers and teaching assistants. Our purpose built indoor and outdoor learning environment supports a carefully structured and balanced curriculum that enables children to learn through a rich variety of play based activities. Such activities promote the development of a wide range of skills and encourage exploration and curiosity. Self-awareness, self-control and a sense of responsibility are fostered through opportunities for social interaction with others. The Nursery and Reception staff work closely together throughout the school year which ensures a seamless transition for those children that are moving from our Nursery into Reception at Aintree Davenhill.

Our Nursery has 26 full-time (30 hours per week) places, 4 part-time morning places (15 hours per week) and 4 part-time afternoon places (15 hours per week). With effect from September 2026, to be eligible for a full-time place, families must have a valid 30 hour Working Parent code. You can find out if you are entitled by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/check-eligible-free-childcare-if-youre-working>. Families who would like their child to attend full-time but who are not entitled to 30 hours of free childcare, should contact the school office for information about charges and will be placed on waiting list should a full-time place become available.

Parents considering sending their child to Aintree Davenhill Nursery should request an application form from the school office. The closing date for application forms will be published on the school website (the deadline is usually February half-term for children starting the following September). Children are admitted in the September after their third birthday, if the number of applicants exceeds the number of spaces, places will be allocated by the following criteria.

- **First:** Children who are in public care and are expected to still be in public care when admitted to the school.
- **Second:** Pupils with a statement of special educational needs where the Local Authority have named this school for provision.
- **Third:** Children who have a sibling living in the same house who attend Aintree Davenhill Primary School and are expected to attend at the time of admission.
- **Fourth:** Children of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. Parents/carers must state the employee's name on their admissions form.
- **Fifth:** Child's date of birth (older children will be given priority).
- **Sixth:** Children living in the Aintree Parish area who are likely to attend Reception.
- **Seventh:** Date Nursery application form was received.

**If there are places available there will be a second intake in January. The criteria in this instance will be as follows.**

- **First:** Child's date of birth (older children will be given priority).
- **Second:** Children who have a sibling living in the same house who attend Aintree Davenhill Primary School.
- **Third:** Children of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. Parents/carers must state the employee's name on their admissions form.
- **Fourth:** Children living in the Aintree Parish area who are likely to attend Reception.
- **Fifth:** Date Nursery application form was received.

**If there are places available there will be a third intake in April. The criteria in this instance will be as follows.**

- **First:** Child's date of birth (older children will be given priority).
- **Second:** Children who have a sibling living in the same house who attend Aintree Davenhill Primary School.
- **Third:** Children of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the admission application for the school is made, and/or where the member of staff is

recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. Parents/carers must state the employee's name on their admissions form.

- **Fourth:** Children living in the Aintree Parish area who are likely to attend Reception.
- **Fifth:** Date Nursery application form was received.

Unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a reserve list and contacted throughout the year if a space becomes available. Applications received after the closing date but before 31<sup>st</sup> May will be processed after the allocation of places has been completed on 31<sup>st</sup> May. Late applications will then have the admissions criteria applied to them in the normal manner.

Aintree Davenhill reserves the right to withdraw a full time Nursery place if children become ineligible for 30-hour funding or if extended session fees are not paid.