

## **SOMERVILLE SCHOOL, VASUNDHARA ENCLAVE, DELHI – 110 096**

As per the Directions of the Directorate of Education, issued via Circular No. DE.23(749)/Sch.Br./2025/976 dated 24.10.2025, and in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the following age criteria and structural changes will come into effect from the Academic Session 2026–2027:

### **Age Criteria for Admission in 2026-27 (as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026)**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Minimum &amp; Maximum Age</b>
Nursery (Balvatika 1 / Pre School 1)	3+ years upto 4 years

### **Key Changes as per Directorate of Education**

- The earlier 2-year Pre Primary System (PS & PP) is now revised to a 3-year Balvatika System:
  - \* Balvatika 1 – Nursery / Pre School 1
  - \* Balvatika 2 – LKG / Pre School 2
  - \* Balvatika 3 – UKG / Pre School 3

### **Phase-wise Implementation of NEP 2020**

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Implementation Details</b>	<b>Age Requirement</b>
Phase 1	2026-27	Nursery (Balvatika 1)	3+ upto 4 years
Phase 2	2027-28	LKG (Balvatika 2) for students promoted from Nursery	4+ upto 5 years
		UKG (Balvatika 3) for new admissions in 2027-2028 only	5+ upto 6 years
Phase 3	2028-29	UKG (Balvatika 3) for students promoted from LKG	5+ upto 6 years

### **No Impact on Existing Students (2025–26)**

- The directive is applicable **only for new admissions from 2026–27 onwards**.
- Students already enrolled in 2025–26 will continue under the **existing class structure and age criteria**.
- No changes will be made for students currently studying in the school.

### **Current Pre School Students (2025-2026)**

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Age Requirement</b>
2025-2026	Pre School	3+ upto 4 years
2026-2027	Pre Primary	4+ upto 5 years
2027-2028	Class 1	5+ upto 6 years

### **Current Pre Primary Students (2025-2026)**

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Age Requirement</b>
2025-2026	Pre Primary	4+ upto 5 years
2026-2027	Class 1	5+ upto 6 years
2027-2028	Class 2	6+ upto 7 years

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