

Admissions criteria for entry September 2024

St Ronan's Primary School Nursery Unit
36 Nutfield Road
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Voluntary Maintained Nursery Unit
Admissions No: 52 (Part-time)
Morning Session (26): 9:00am – 11:30am
Afternoon Session (26): 12:30pm – 3:00pm

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Respective Functions of the Board of Governors and the Principal in relation to admissions.

The Board of Governors have delegated to an Admissions sub group, the task of selecting pupils for admission. The sub-group consists of the Principal and one other Governor.

Children who are not normally resident in Northern Ireland at the time of proposed admission will not be considered for places until all children who reside in Northern Ireland have been considered.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed on or provided with the application form. Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the application form or provided with it. Examples of such information include whether the child has brothers or sisters attending or previously attending the school.

The Board of Governors has determined that, in the event of more applicants than the places available the following criteria will be applied, in the order set down, to select children for the available places.

Admissions Criteria

A timetable of pre-school admissions procedures setting out the dates by which an application is to be submitted is available at www.eani.org.uk/admissions under 'Pre-School Admissions'. During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered.

The application procedure opens on 9 January 2024 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 26 January 2024 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 26 January 2024 will be treated as a late application.

As the pre-school admissions procedure is in two stages the timetable also specifies the relevant dates at Stage 2 which will determine if an application is to be considered as punctual or late.

Statutory Criteria

1. Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances in their final pre-school year who were born:
 - on or between 2 July 2020 and 1 July 2021 (inclusive) and whose parents have not exercised their right to defer their child's entry to primary school; or,
 - on or between 1 April 2020 and 1 July 2020 (inclusive) or were due to be born on or between those dates but were born earlier; and,
 - have not attended or are not currently attending a funded pre-school setting under the Pre-School Education Programme as a target aged child; and,
 - that child's parent has completed a request to defer their child starting P1 until September 2025.

Note: Children from 'socially disadvantaged circumstances' means a child whose parent has an entitlement to (i) Income Support, or (ii) Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, or (iii) Income related Employment and Support Allowance, or (iv) Universal Credit. When parents apply for places for their child on this basis they must provide Benefit Verification to confirm that they have an entitlement. The application procedure for Pre-School will outline how Benefit Verification can be submitted.

2. Children not from socially disadvantaged circumstances (as defined above) who are in their final pre-school year (as defined by criterion 1).

Sub-criteria

In the event of more pupils satisfying the last criterion, which can be applied, the Governors have determined that selection for the remaining places will be on the basis of the following sub-criteria:

1. Children who normally reside in the Parish of Aghalurcher and those parts of the Parishes of Galloon and Aghavea contributing to schools in the Parish of Aghalurcher

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2. Children who are twins (or other multiple births)
3. Children who have (a) brother(s) / Sister(s) / half-brother(s) / half-sister(s) presently enrolled in the school
4. Children who are a Child Looked After (CLA)

In the event of over-subscription in the last sub-criterion which can be applied then selection for all places remaining in this sub-criterion will be on the basis of the initial letter of the surname as per the birth certificate in the order set out below:

C R B F M c U H L X M a c Q D K W I M P G T E Y N S A O V Z J

The order was determined by a randomised selection of letters carried out by the governors of the school at a meeting on 3rd July 2023.

Non-statutory criteria

Note: Applications falling under Criterion 3 are processed only during Stage 2 of the admissions process, after final pre-school year (Statutory 1 and 2) applications.

3. Children who were born:
 - on or between 1 April 2020 - 1 July 2020 (inclusive), or were due to be born on or between those dates but were born earlier; and,
 - and have attended or are currently attending a funded pre-school setting under the Pre-School Education Programme as a target aged (not penultimate aged) child; and,
 - that child's parent has completed a request to defer their child starting P1, or
 - on or between 2 July 2021 and 1 July 2022 (inclusive); or,
 - on or between 1 April 2021 and 1 July 2021 (inclusive) or were due to be born on or between those dates but were born earlier; and that child's parent has completed a request to defer their child starting P1 until September 2026.

Tie Breaker – Non Statutory Criterion 3

Children within Criterion 3 will be selected in Chronological Order of Age – eldest child first. In the event of two or more children having the same DOB the above random selection of letters will be used.

It is important that parent/guardian(s) when submitting the application form give all the relevant supporting information and written evidence that may be needed. Where applicable, Benefit Verification forms must be appropriately stamped.

Duty to Verify

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information on any applicant's Application Form.

If the requested evidence is not provided to the Board of Governors by the deadline given, this will result in the withdrawal of an offer of a place. Similarly, if information is supplied which appears to be false or misleading in any material way, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

Waiting List Policy

Should a vacancy arise after Tuesday 11 June 2024 all applications for admission to the Nursery that were initially refused, new applications and applications where new information has been provided will be treated equally and the published criteria applied. This waiting list will be in place until the end of the academic year.

If parents have any difficulty in completing the application form they should consult the Principal of the school.

Nursery Admissions after 1 September 2024

The same criteria will be used for applications after 1 September 2024.

Parents should also note that if their child is seeking nursery provision for the 2nd year they MUST reapply.