

Dunmurry Primary School Nursery Unit
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Controlled Nursery Unit
Admissions No: 26 (Part-time)
Session Times: 9:00am – 12noon

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Open Day: A promotional video will be available on the website from December.

Appointments can be made with the principal to visit the school on an individual basis (7th & 9th Dec).

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

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to an Admissions Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal, the responsibility for applying these criteria.

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 10 January 2022 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 28 January 2022 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 28 January 2022 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.

The Board of Governors will decide on the application of the admissions policy should there be any question of over-subscription. The criteria are listed below.

The following admissions criteria will be applied, in order, in the event of over-subscription.

- 1 Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances who were born between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019.
- 2 Other children born between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019.
- 3 Children born between 2 July 2019 and 1 July 2020.

Note: Children from 'socially disadvantaged circumstances' means a child whose parent is in receipt of (i) Income Support, or (ii) Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, or (iii) an award of Income Support which has been converted into an Employment and Support Allowance and the level of benefit remains the same, or (iv) Universal Credit. When parents apply for places for their child on this basis they must provide Benefit Verification to confirm that they are in receipt of a qualifying payment. This should be provided to the Pre-School of first preference and the application procedure for Pre-School will outline how this can be submitted.

Sub-criteria

In the event of over-subscription in criteria 1-2 the following sub-criteria will be applied:-

- (a) Those with a brother/sister or half, step or foster brother/sister who will be enrolled in Dunmurry Primary School in September 2022 or were previously enrolled at Dunmurry Primary school.
- (b) Children previously offered a place or currently in attendance in the 2021/22 year.
- (c) On the basis of proximity of the parent's home, as measured by an electronic measuring tool from the home to the main school gate. Children living nearer the school will be given preference.

Should the measurement of distance prove inconclusive, a Tie-breaker procedure will be applied as follows:

Random selection "by lot".

In the event of over-subscription in Criterion 3, preference will be given to children:-

- (a) On the basis of age. Older children will be given preference;
- (b) For those children born on the same day preference will be on the basis of proximity of the parent's home as described in sub-criteria (c).

Priority will be given to children who are resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to the school.

NB It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that any information which is relevant to the criteria is included on, or attached to, the application form. A copy of the child's birth certificate must be attached to the application form.

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 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

The school's policy on the consideration of applications after the Open Enrolment procedure concludes is available directly from the school.

Should a vacancy arise, the above criteria will be applied to select pupils from our waiting list.