

St Brendan's Primary School Nursery Unit
Moyraverty
Craigavon
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Maintained Nursery Unit
Admissions No: 52 (Full-time)
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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. Any reference herein to the term the Board of Governors includes any Sub-Committee appointed by the Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the admissions 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 2023 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 27 January 2023 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 27 January 2023 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 2019 and 1 July 2020 (inclusive) and whose parents have not exercised their right to defer their child's entry to primary school; or,
 - on or between 1 April 2019 and 1 July 2019 (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 2024.

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

If there are more children satisfying the last criterion above, which can be applied, then selection for the remaining places will be on the application of the following sub-criteria in the order set down below:

Admissions Sub-Criteria

1. Children who are:
 - a. the child of a family presently enrolled in St Brendan's Primary School. This refers to P1 to P7 classes and/or whose siblings(s) will be enrolled at St Brendan's on the 1st September 2023.
 - b. Applicants who are a child looked after (CLA), defined by the Children NI Order 1995 as children who are in the care of a Trust or who are provided with accommodation by the Trust.
2. The remaining places will be allocated on the basis of the proximity of the child's home to school, priority being given to those living nearest the school as measured using Google Maps UK walking distance. If the final places to be allocated have identical measurements as identified by Google Maps UK, selection will be on the basis of alphabetical order of surname, then forename, then middle name (as per Birth Certificate).

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 1and 2) applications.

3. Children who were born:

- on or between 1 April 2019 - 1 July 2019 (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
- Children born between 2 July 2020 and 1 July 2021 (both dates inclusive) and who are a child of a family presently enrolled at St. Brendan's Primary School or Nursery Unit on 1 September 2023 will be allocated remaining places according to chronological order of birth, or
- Further remaining places for children born between 2 July 2020 and 1 July 2021 (both dates inclusive) will be allocated according to chronological order of birth.
- 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 that child's parent has completed a request to defer their child starting P1 until September 2025.

Where two or more children have the same date of birth the remaining places will be allocated on the basis of the proximity of the child's home to school, priority being given to those living nearest the school as measured using Google Maps UK. If the final places to be allocated have identical measurements as identified by Google Maps UK, walking distance selection will on the basis of alphabetical order of surname, then forename, then middle name (as per Birth Certificate).

Duty to Verify

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information on any application form.

*Children who reside within the Parish of Moyraverty will be verified using the map of the parish.

*All requested documentation should be provided directly online.

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 placement letters are issued from the school, all applications to pre-school that were initially refused, new applications, late applications where new information has been provided will be treated equally and the published criteria applied. This waiting list will be in place until 30 June 2024.

The school will contact you in writing if your child gains a place in the school. Your child's name will be automatically added to this waiting list. Please contact the school if you wish your child's name to be removed from the list.

Note

It is expected that all children will be toilet trained by the time of admission. If parents feel there may be difficulties with this they should contact the Principal.