

Ballyore Community Nursery School
c/o Newbuildings Primary School
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Principal: Mrs E Cooper
Chair of Board of Governors: Rev R Boyd

Community Nursery School
Admissions No: 26 (Full-time)
Nursery Opening Times: 9.00am – 1:30pm
A mid-day meal is available

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Respective Functions of the Management Committee and the Principal in relation to admissions.

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to a selection Committee consisting of the Acting principal subject to the final approval of the Board of Governors. The admissions criteria will be reviewed annually by the Selection Committee. 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.

Children who are not normally resident in Northern Ireland will not be considered for places until all children who live in Northern Ireland have been considered.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Management Committee will only take into account information which is detailed on or attached to 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 attached to it.

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 2025 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 24 January 2025 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 24 January 2025 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.

Admissions criteria to be used in the event of the school being oversubscribed with applications for available places.

Statutory Criteria

- Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances in their final pre-school year who were born:
 - on or between 2 July 2021 and 1 July 2022 (inclusive) and whose parents have not exercised their right to defer their child's entry to primary school; 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,
 - 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 2026.

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.

- 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 basis of the following sub-criteria in the order set down below:

- Children who have a brother/sister, (half-brother/half-sister, foster brother/foster sister/stepbrother/stepsister) or children of compulsory school age who have * "other children of the family" with the same addresses who are presently

enrolled in the school. **PLEASE STATE ON APPLICATION NAME(S) OF SIBLINGS, ALSO YEAR ATTENDED.**

- b) Child who is the eldest child in the family.
- c) Children who are twins or other multiple births.
- d) other children.

If there are more pupils satisfying the last criterion, which can be applied, then selection for the remaining places will be made on the basis of the initial letter of the surname as per the birth certificate in the order set out below using the random alphabetical tie-breaker as listed below:

R F S M D W Mac Y A J H N C E G P O I L X B Q U K Z Mc V T O'

The order was determined by a randomised selection of letters carried out by the governors of the school at a meeting on 14/10/2024.

In the event of surnames beginning with the same letter the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of 2 identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initial of the forenames will be used.

Non-Statutory Criteria

3 Children who were born:

- on or between 1 April 2021 - 1 July 2021 (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.
- on or between 2 July 2022 and 1 July 2023 (inclusive); or,
- on or between 1 April 2022 and 1 July 2022 (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 2027.

In the event of over - subscription on the application of the above criteria the following sub-criteria will be applied in the order set down:

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 date of birth then selection for the remaining places will be made on the basis of the initial letter of the surname as per the birth certificate in the order set out below using the random alphabetical tie-breaker as listed below:

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The order was determined by a randomized selection of letters carried out by the governors of the school at a meeting on 14/10/2024.

It is important that parent(s)/guardian(s) when submitting the application form give all the relevant supporting information and the written evidence that may be needed including the child's birth certificate. If a place is offered on the basis of incorrect or misleading information, then the Board of Governors may withdraw the offer. All criteria will apply as at closing date on the application form.

If parents/guardians have any difficulty in completing the form then they should consult the principal of the school.

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.

Applications after 1 September 2025

The same criteria will be used for applications after 1 September 2025 for admission to Ballyore Community Nursery School.

Waiting Lists

Should a vacancy arise after 10 June 2025 all applications for admission to Nursery that were initially refused, new applications, late 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 30 June 2026.

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

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) should also note that if their child is seeking nursery provision for the 2nd year they MUST reapply.

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- a child born to a married couple or to a couple in a civil partnership;
- a child born to a co-habiting couple;
- a child born to a single parent;
- a child of either/any of those people by a previous marriage, civil partnership or relationship;
- a child living with a couple who has been treated as a "child of the family" whether there is a marriage or a civil partnership or not;
- a child living with an individual, who has been treated as a "child of the family";
- an adopted or fostered child;
- a situation where for example an orphaned cousin is being brought up with a family or individual;