

Lough View Integrated Primary School Nursery Unit
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Grant Maintained Integrated Nursery Unit
Admissions No: 52 (Part-time)
Session Times – Morning Session (26): 8:30am – 11:00am
Afternoon Session (26): 11:30am – 2:00pm

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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.

Open Day

The school will have an Open Day on Friday 29th November 2024. There will be two sessions: 1.00pm-3.00pm and 3.00pm-5.00pm. Places must be booked by contacting the school office on the number above.

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

In selecting children for admission, children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission will be selected for admission to the school before any child not so resident.

As an Integrated nursery and primary school, a key purpose is to educate together children of different religious and cultural traditions. In applying the admissions criteria, the Board of Governors will strive to ensure a balance of 40% Catholic, 40% Protestant and 20% Others (other world religions and children of no religious affiliation). In order to achieve this the school will:

- reserve a maximum of 20% of places for Others;
- allocate the remaining places to an equal number of Catholics and Protestants;
- in the event of under subscription in the Others category, the available places will be split equally between Catholics and Protestants;
- in the event of there being an odd number of excess places remaining from the Others allocation, the additional place will be allocated to the category with the greater number of applicants;
- in the event of there being a shortfall of applicants in the Protestant or Catholic categories, then the balance of places will be allocated to the Others category and then to the remaining category.

Integrated Education Act (NI) 2022

The Board of Governors of Lough View Integrated welcome the introduction of the Integrated Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 and look forward to its implementation. We note the definition of an Integrated School as outlined in the Act and believe our criteria will allow us to successfully meet this definition.

Where the number of applicants of any category exceed the number of available places, the following admissions criteria will be applied in the order set down:

Statutory Criteria

- 1 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 July 2021 (inclusive) or were due to be born on or between these 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.**

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

Sub-criteria

In the event of oversubscription in any of set criteria 1-2 above, the following sub-criteria will be applied in the order listed:

- (a) Children who currently attend the Nursery and are eligible to attend for a further year.
- (b) Children with a child of the family, ***as defined by the Department of Education***, currently enrolled at Lough View Integrated Primary and Nursery School. These applicants will also be given preference over all others for the morning session. (Please state name, class and relationship clearly)
- (c) Children whose siblings have previously attended Lough View IPS. (Please state name and class clearly)
- (d) Preference will be given to those applicants who nominate Lough View IPS as their first preference.
- (e) Children who, at the date of application, are the eldest in their family eligible for admission. Twins will both be treated as the eldest child.
- (f) Children whose parent(s)/guardian(s) are presently permanent members of the school staff or are serving members of the Board of Governors.
- (g) Children on the basis of the initial letter of their surname in the order set out below. The surname used will be registered on the birth certificate or as subsequently changed and documented.

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

The order was determined by a randomised selection of letters.

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 two identical surnames, the alphabetical order of the forename, as registered on the birth certificate, will be used. In the event of first forenames beginning with the same letter the subsequent letters of the forename will be used.

In the event of a double barrelled surname the first surname will be used for purposes of selection.

***DE Circular 2024/2025 issued October 2024 Annex 1 - Sibling**

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 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, or
 - 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.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTES

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that all information, which is relevant to the admission criteria, is included on the statutory application form, **even if it is information already known to the school**. This includes uploading an original or certified copy of their child's Birth Certificate to the EA Admissions Portal.

Recording your child's perceived religious denomination is particularly important. Where parents fail to state their child's religious tradition or non-denomination, their application will be allocated to the category with most applicants in that particular year.

To fulfil our admissions criteria, it is the responsibility of all parents/guardians to provide information regarding their child's perceived community background.

The religious affiliation/community background (Protestant, Catholic or Other/None) of a pupil will be determined by one of the following methods:

- a) For parents/guardians applying for a place via the Education Authority's **online application** you will be prompted to and must select your child's religious affiliation when completing the form;

or

- b) For parents/guardians applying using a **paper application** you must also complete our school Religious Affiliation Form/Pre-Enrolment Form which can be obtained from our school website or school office or you can provide alternative written confirmation to our school. Your Religious Affiliation Form/Pre-Enrolment Form/written confirmation of religion must be sent directly to our school by 4pm on Wednesday 29th January 2025;

When considering which children should be selected for admission the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed on or attached to the application of the form.

In accordance with the 1997 Education Northern Ireland Order (Section 16:4), Lough View School has been directed to select for admission all children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to school before any child not so resident may be selected for admission.

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.

The Board of Governors of an integrated school must use its best endeavours, in exercising its functions under the Education Orders, to ensure that the management, control and ethos of the school such as are likely to attract to the school reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils. The collection and processing of information regarding the religious/perceived community background of children set out above is necessary in order for the Board of Governors of an integrated school to carry out its statutory functions and fulfil its public task.

Nursery pupils DO need to make an application to the primary school. They do not automatically transfer.

Waiting List Policy

The Waiting List Policy is available on the admissions page of our school website www.loughviewintegrated.co.uk