

Omagh North Nursery School
Old Mountfield Road
Omagh
BT79 7EG

Controlled Nursery School
Admissions No: 26 (Full-time), 52 (Part-time)
Full-time Session: 8:45am – 1:15pm
Part-time Morning Session: 8:45am – 11:15am
Part-time Afternoon Session: 12:15pm – 2:45pm

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

A Selection Advisory Committee consisting of the Principal and three Governors, subject to the final approval of the Board of Governors, will apply the Admissions Criteria.

It is a standard requirement to provide an original Birth Certificate in order to verify the age of the child.

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

Parents please note that Omagh North Nursery School **offer both Full-time and Part-time places**. If you wish to be considered for a place in either or both of these sessions you **must select both** Full-time and Part-time on your application in order of preference.

Admissions Criteria - Statutory Criteria

- 1 Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances born between 2 July 2017 and 1 July 2018.
- 2 Children born between 2 July 2017 and 1 July 2018.

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.

Verification of Social Disadvantage MUST be received by your 1st preference provider by Friday 5th Feb 2021.

NB Children already enrolled in 2020/2021 must reapply for a place (full or part-time) for 2021/2022

Sub-Criteria

If there are more pupils satisfying the last criterion which can be applied, (ie 1 – 2), then selection for the remaining places will be on the basis of the following sub-criteria, as applied in the order set down below:

- a. Those families who choose Omagh North Nursery School as their first preference.
- b. Eldest/only child of the family or children who have had a brother(s)/sister(s), half-brother(s)/half-sister(s), step-brother(s)/step-sister(s), fostered/adopted brother(s)/sister(s) who are currently attending or previously attended Omagh North Nursery – please include name of child, year attended and class
- c. Children whose family member is currently a member of the school's staff or governing body (parent/guardian/grandparent).
- d. Children who are currently attending Omagh North Nursery School in their penultimate pre-school year (2020/2021) on 7 January 2021.
- e. Children who are closest to Omagh North Nursery School by public footpath as per Google Maps.
- f. Other children.

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

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

The order was determined by a randomised selection of letters of the alphabet. In the event of surnames beginning with the same letter the subsequent letters of the surnames will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of 2 identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames will be used as per the birth certificate.

Children born between 2 July 2017 and 1 July 2018 (target aged children) - a letter notifying them of the outcome of their application will be posted on **Tuesday 27th April 2021**.

Non-Statutory Criteria

Parents please note that Omagh North Nursery School **offer both Full-time and Part-time places**. If you wish to be considered for a place in either or both of these sessions you **must select both** Full-time and Part-time on your application in order of preference.

Children in their penultimate pre-school year (Criteria 3) will be admitted from a waiting list on the basis of strict chronological order of age, oldest first, with the same alphabetical tie-breaker if required.

- 3 When allocation of the above statutory is complete and if there is still places remaining then children born between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019 will be selected on the basis of strict chronological order of age, oldest first. No other sub criteria will be applied.

Children born between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019 (penultimate/underage children) - a letter notifying them of the outcome of their application will be posted, on **Thursday 10th June 2021**.

Supporting Information

It is important that parent(s)/guardian(s) when submitting the application form, give all relevant supporting information and written evidence, which may be needed including the child's birth certificate, directly to Omagh North Nursery School.

All supporting information **MUST** be received by your 1st preference provider by **Friday 5th Feb 2021**.

IF PARENTS HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING THEIR APPLICATION 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.

Waiting List Policy

Selection for any vacant place that may arise will be made by applying the above criteria, sub-criteria and tie-breaker if required, to children in their final pre-school year.

Penultimate children on our waiting list will only be offered a place in strict chronological order of age.

Important Dates

Thursday 7th January 2021 at 12 noon the Online Citizen Portal opens for all preschool and penultimate applications. This portal will close on **Friday 29th January 2021 at 12 noon**. Please go to www.eani.org.uk/admissions for further information.

Open Day details to follow please check social media and complete the pre-enrolment form to register interest to access our Open Day on Friday 8th January 2021 for children born between 2nd July 2017 and 1 July 2018.