

Bushmills Primary School Nursery Unit
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Controlled Nursery Unit
Admissions No: 26 (Full-time)
Session Times: 9:00am – 1:30pm

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

The Board of Governors will determine the Admissions Criteria. The criteria will be applied by the Principal on behalf of the Board of Governors.

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.

Admissions criteria to be used in the event of the school being oversubscribed. The criteria are listed in order of priority.

Children will be admitted according to the following statutory criteria:

1. Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances in their final pre-school year i.e. born between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019 (inclusive);
2. Children not falling within sub-paragraph (1) in their final pre-school year;

and who at the time of their proposed admission will not have a pre-school education place, whether full-time or part-time, at another school or any other premises.

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 oversubscription on the application of a statutory criterion the sub-criteria will be applied in the order set down.

- a. Children already attending Bushmills Primary School Nursery.
- b. Children who are deemed to have special circumstances e.g. medical or social. The Board of Governors will determine the merits of each individual case with reference to supporting evidence as provided by the parents.
- c. Children who have siblings attending Bushmills Primary School or Nursery Unit.
- d. Children who are:
 - the only child in the family
 - the eldest child in the family
- e. Children whose parent's home is closest to the school as measured by driving on the public road as per Google Maps.

Criteria for children not in their final pre-school year

Should places remain after the application of the above criteria to children in their final pre-school year; places will be allocated strictly in accordance with chronological age beginning with the eldest child.

Where applications are received after the Open Enrolment Admissions procedure concludes on 9 June 2021 the following criteria will be applied in the order indicated:

- i. Children who have siblings attending Bushmills Primary School.
- ii. Children who are:
 - the only child in the family
 - the eldest child in the family

iii. Children whose parent's home is closest to the school as measured by driving on the public road as per Google Maps.

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.

It should be noted that the provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by pre-schools can result in the withdrawal of a place and the inability to offer a place on the part of any school nominated on the applicant's application form.

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 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.