

Admissions criteria for entry September 2020

Moyle Primary School Nursery Unit
18 Sallagh Park
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Controlled Nursery Unit
Admissions No: 52 (Part-time)
Session Times – Morning Session: 9:00am – 11:30am
Afternoon Session: 12:30pm – 3pm

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Chair of Board of Governors: Rev Dr Paul Reid
School and Nursery Open Afternoon – Thursday 16th January – 4pm – 6.00pm

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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 7 January 2020 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 30 January 2020 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 30 January 2020 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 resident in Northern Ireland.

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 2016 and 1 July 2017 (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 have their Benefit Verification stamped by the Social Security/Jobs and Benefits Office to confirm that they are in receipt of a qualifying payment. This should then be sent by the parent directly to the provider of first preference.

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 will be selected in order of preference i.e. Parents/Guardians who express a first preference for Moyle P. S. Nursery Unit will be selected before those who have second or subsequent preferences.
- b. Children who have siblings including half sibling, foster sibling & step sibling attending or having attended Moyle Primary School.
- c. Children who have attended Moyle Nursery Unit in the previous year.
- d. Children who are:
 - i. an only child
 - ii. the eldest in the family.
- e. Children who live closest to the school (as measured by a straight line on an Ordnance Survey map to the nearest entrance).

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.

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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.

In the event of children with the same date of birth being considered for the final place the school's sub-criteria will be applied.

Duty to Verify

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

The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide verifying documents according to the required deadline may result in either the withdrawal of a place or the inability of any pre-school nominated to offer a place.

Waiting List Policy

The Waiting List Policy is available directly from Moyle PS and Nursery Unit School Office.