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Grant-Maintained Integrated
Admissions No: 26
Roll: Part-time 26

Opening Times: 8.50 am – 12.20 pm

Chairperson: Mrs Pauline McKenna

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

The Board of Governors, subject to its final approval, has delegated to an Admissions Committee, the task of implementing the criteria below and thereby selecting children for admission. The Committee consists of at least three Governors and the Principal. Parents who would like assistance in completing either the Application Form or Form OIN1 should contact the Principal, Mr Bradley.

Rationale

Our admissions criteria reflect the integrated nature of our Nursery and its links with Omagh Integrated P.S. and Drumragh Integrated College. It is committed to education Protestant and Catholic children together and strives to maintain a balanced enrolment, with ideally a minimum of 40% of pupils from the Protestant tradition and 40% from the Catholic tradition (in line with NICIE's Statement of Principals)

Pupils from other backgrounds will also be admitted but this will not exceed one third of the total intake in any year.

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. Priority will be given in the application of each of the following criteria to children regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of written or other supportive evidence supplied by the parents or statutory or other agencies, as having special circumstances for being enrolled in the Nursery. Application forms must be accompanied by a Data Collection Form obtained from the school office. The religious affiliation of all applicants (Catholic, Protestant or Other) should be included on the form.

In the event of the number of applications for places in the Nursery being greater than the Admissions Number, then the Board of Governors will apply the following criteria in the order set down.

Admissions Criteria

Statutory Criteria

- 1 Children from ***socially disadvantaged circumstances born between 2 July 2014 and 1 July 2015.**
- 2 Children born between 2 July 2014 and 1 July 2015.

Sub-Criteria

If there are more pupils satisfying the last criterion, 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.

- (a) Children who have a sibling (including a half-sister/brother or foster sister/brother living at the same address) enrolled in the Primary School or Nursery Unit during the current school year.
- (b) Children whose parent is a member of the school staff (or is about to join the school staff).
- (c) Children who have attended OIPS Friends Playgroup.
- (d) Children who have had a sibling (including a half-sister/brother) enrolled in the Primary School and/or Nursery in the past.
- (e) Children whose parent is a past pupil of the school.
- (f) Children whose parent is a member of the Board of Governors.
- (g) Other children of the appropriate age.

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 application form stamped by the Social Security /Jobs and Benefits Office to confirm that they are in receipt of a qualifying payment.

Non-Statutory Criteria

3 Other children born between 2 July 2014 and 1 July 2015 will be admitted in chronological order of age, oldest first. In the event of two or more identical dates of birth, selection will be made using the random alphabetical tie-breaker as listed below.

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 birth certificate in the order set out below:-

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

The order was determined by a randomized 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 two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames will be used as per the birth certificate.

It is important that parent(s)/guardian(s) when submitting the application form give all the relevant supporting information and 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.

Additional Information

In applying the Admissions Criteria the Board of Governors will require information additional to that normally given on the Education Authority's Application Form. Parent(s) / Guardian(s) must complete a copy of the school's Pupil Information Form (OIN1). *This form should also be used to provide supporting information and written evidence.*

The same criteria will be used for applications received after 1 September 2018.

Waiting List Policy

Should a vacancy arise after 8 June 2018, all applications for admission to the Nursery that were initially refused, new applications and applications where information has been provided, will be treated equally and the published criteria applied. This waiting list will be in place until 30 June 2018.

Parents should also note that if their child is seeking nursery provision for the 2nd year they MUST reapply.

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.