

Omagh Integrated Primary School Nursery Unit  
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Grant Maintained Integrated Nursery Unit  
Admissions No: 26 (part-time)  
Opening Times: 8:45am – 12:25pm

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### **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 and Enrolment Sub-Committee, the task of implementing the below criteria and thereby selecting pupils for admission. The Committee consists of at least three Governors and the Principal. Decisions of the Sub-Committee are subject to ratification by the full Board of Governors.

### **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 the education of 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 Principles).

### **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.

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.

### **OPEN DAY – (*visit [omaghintegratedps.com](http://omaghintegratedps.com) or follow the school on Facebook for details about arranging a visit to the school*)**

### **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](http://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.

### **Statutory Criteria**

- 1 Children from \*socially disadvantaged circumstances born between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019.
- 2 Children born between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019.

### **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, Nursery Unit or Pre School facility during the current school year.
- (b) Children whose parents/guardians have chosen OIPS Nursery as their 1<sup>st</sup> priority on the application form.
- (c) 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 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.*

### Non-Statutory Criteria

- 3 Other children born between 2 July 2019 and 1 July 2020 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:-

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

The order was determined by a randomized selection of letters. 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 official Application Form.**

**Parents must complete an official Education Authority application form online. A Data Collection Form, which can be obtained from the school office, or website, MUST BE RETURNED DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL, ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE.** The religious affiliation of all applicants (Protestant, Catholic or Other/None) must be included on this form.

**The same criteria will be used for applications received after 1 September 2022.**

### Waiting List Policy

Should a vacancy arise after 16 June 2022, 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 2022.

**Parents should also note that if their child is seeking nursery provision for the second 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.