

Sunnylands Nursery School  
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Controlled Nursery School  
Admissions No: 104 (Part-time)  
Session Times – Morning Session: 9:00am – 11:30am  
Afternoon Session: 12:30pm – 3pm

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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. When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Principal 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.

### 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 7 January 2021 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 29 January 2021 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 29 January 2021 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.

When applying through the Pre-School Admissions portal, please state in your 'Reasons for Preference' if you wish to be considered for a Morning Session, an Afternoon Session, or either. Morning and Afternoon Session places will be assigned according to the criteria and sub-criteria below.

### 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 at the time of their proposed admission to the school to be selected for admission to the school before any child not so resident may be selected.

Children will be admitted according to the following statutory criteria:

#### Statutory Criteria

1. Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances in their final Pre-School year i.e. born between 2 July 2017 and 1 July 2018 (inclusive);
2. Children not falling within sub-paragraph (1) in their final Pre-School year i.e. born between 2 July 2017 and 1 July 2018 (inclusive);

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 Criteria the Sub-Criteria will be applied in the order set down.

- a. Children will be selected in accordance with the preference for Sunnylands Nursery School named on the application form, i.e. those whose form indicates a first preference will be selected before those whose form indicates a second or subsequent preference, second preferences will be selected before third or subsequent preferences etc.
- b. Children who are already attending Sunnylands Nursery School at the time of application.
- c. Children who have siblings, brother/sister, half-brother/sister, foster brother/sister, attending or attended Sunnylands nursery school in the last seven years. When applying on the Pre-School Admissions portal, please state in your 'Reasons for Preference' the names of siblings and dates attended who have previously attended Sunnylands Nursery School.

- d. Children who are:
- (i) the only child in the family
  - (ii) the eldest child in the family.
- e. The remainder of places will be allocated on the basis of the initial letter of their legal surname in the order set out below:

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

This order was determined by a randomised selection of letters. In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of two identical surnames, the alphabetical order of the first forename appearing on the birth certificate will be used.

### **Non Statutory Criteria**

#### **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 as detailed above will be applied.

In the event of the Morning session being oversubscribed with children in their final Pre-School year, children in their penultimate Pre-School year will then only be considered for Afternoon places.

#### **Duty to Verify**

Applicants should note that they may be required to produce documents verifying their address. This is in addition to the standard requirement to provide a Birth Certificate directly to their first preference provider in order to verify the age of a child. Original documents are required and not photocopies.

The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide verifying documents requested by the required deadline may result in either the withdrawal of a place or the inability of Pre-School to offer a place.

#### **Waiting List Policy**

Should a vacancy arise after completion of the Open Enrolment Admissions procedure on 9 June 2021, all applications for admission to nursery will be treated in order of receipt with preference given to children in their final Pre-School year. This Waiting List will be in place until the end of the academic year 2021/2022.

It is the responsibility of the parent to inform the nursery if they wish their child's name to be added to the Waiting List. Please contact the school if you wish your child's name to be removed from the list.