

Money more Primary School Nursery Unit
Northland Drive
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Controlled Nursery Unit
Admissions No: 26 (Full-time)
Session Times: 8:50am – 1:20pm

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

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to an Admissions Committee consisting of the Principal and three Governors subject to the final approval of the full Board of Governors. Any reference herein to the term the Board of Governors includes any Sub-Committee appointed by the Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the admissions criteria.

Admissions Criteria

Admission to the nursery unit will be by application. In the event of there being more applications than places available, the Board of Governors will apply the admissions criteria in the order indicated below.

- 1 Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances born between 2 July 2015 and 1 July 2016 (both dates inclusive).

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.

- 2 Children not from socially disadvantaged circumstances born between 2 July 2015 and 1 July 2016 (both dates inclusive).

Admissions Sub-Criteria

Should there be more applications than places available when the above criteria are applied, the following sub-criteria will be applied in the order indicated to identify the children to be selected for admission:-

- (i) Children who will have brothers or sisters (half-brothers/sisters, step brothers/sisters) in attendance at the school during 2019/2020 school year;

(Attendance at the school is defined as attendance at Money more Primary School, Primary One to Seven. Applicants should note that where a familial relationship (i.e. having a brother or sister attending or having attended the school) qualifies it for admission, then that relationship will be verified. To enable the Board of Governors to verify family relationships, all applicants using these criteria to gain admission, need to include the name, DOB and approximate dates of attendance of that older brother or sister at the school. This should be included on the application form or attached as additional information to the application form).

- (ii) First or only child in the family;
- (iii) Sons or daughters of employees at Money more Primary School or St Patrick's Primary School, Money more;
- (iv) Children whose brothers and sisters (half-brothers/sisters, step brothers/sisters) previously attended the school; (Attendance at the school is defined as attendance at Money more Primary School, Primary One to Seven).
- (v) Children whose parents have listed Money more Nursery Unit as their first preference.

In the event of there being more applicants than places remaining for the last sub-criterion which can be applied, then selection will be made using the following tie-breaker until all available places are filled:-

Children will be selected for admission on the basis of initial letter of surname (as entered on Birth Certificate) in the order set out below:

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

This order was determined by a randomised selection of the letters of the alphabet, (selection with a clear audit trail).

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 initials of the forenames will be used.

Note 1

The school expects that all children, except those with significant educational needs, will be toilet trained by the time of admission. If difficulties are likely to be encountered during school time, it is expected that parents will make the Principal and Class Teacher aware of the situation before the child commences attendance.

Note 2

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.

Children born between 2 July 2016 And 1 July 2017

In the event of there being places remaining after applying the criteria to all children in their final pre-school year, i.e. children born between 2 July 2015 and 1 July 2016, those remaining places will be allocated to children in their penultimate pre-school year, i.e. those born between 2 July 2016 and 1 July 2017. In the event of oversubscription occurring children will be selected for admission using the same order of randomised selection of letters as above.

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 initials of the forenames will be used.

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 applicant's 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.

Waiting List Policy

A copy of the waiting list policy is available for consultation from the primary school office.