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Nursery Unit
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Grant-Maintained Integrated

Admissions No: 26

Roll: Part-time 26

Opening Times: 8.50 am – 12.20 pm

Chair of the Board of Governors: Mr A Bradshaw

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.

In the application of the Admissions Criteria, the Board of Governors will seek to reflect the integrated nature of the Nursery. To achieve this aim, the Governors will in particular take all reasonable steps to ensure a balance of pupils from the Catholic tradition, pupils from the Protestant tradition and pupils from other or no religious backgrounds.

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.

Admissions Criteria

Statutory Criteria

- 1 Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances born between 2 July 2012 and 1 July 2013.**
- 2 Children born between 2 July 2012 and 1 July 2013.**

Note: "Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances" means a child whose parent is in receipt of Income Support or Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or an award of Income Support which has been converted into an Employment and Support Allowance and the level of benefit remains the same. When parents apply for places for their child on this basis they must have their application forms stamped by the Social Security Agency to confirm that they are in receipt of a qualifying payment.

Non-Statutory Criteria

- 3 Children born between 2 July 2013 and 1 July 2014.**

In the event of over-subscription at any stage above, selection will be determined on the basis of the following sub-criteria in the order set down.

- (a) Children who have a sibling (including a half-sister/brother or foster sister/brother) enrolled in the Primary School or Nursery Unit during the current school year.**
- (b) Children who have attended OIPS Friends Playgroup.**
- (c) Children who have had a sibling (including a half-sister/brother) enrolled in the Primary School in the past.**
- (d) Children whose parent is a member of the school staff (or is about to join the school staff).**
- (e) Children whose parent is a past pupil of the school.**

- (f) Children whose parent is a member of the Board of Governors.
- (g) Children transferring from one of the NICIE affiliated nursery units or pre-school playgroups.
- (h) Other children of the appropriate age.

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:-

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

The order was determined by a randomised 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.

Priority will be given in the application of each of the above 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, at the time of application, as having special circumstances for being enrolled in the Nursery. 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 2016.

Waiting List Policy

The Admission Sub-Committee will apply the listed criteria to all applicants and establish a waiting list in order of eligibility. In the event of a place becoming available the most eligible child on the waiting list will be contacted. This procedure will be followed until all spaces are filled with children in their Final Pre-School year always having priority.

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