

King's Road Nursery School
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Controlled Nursery School
Admissions No: 52 (Full-time)
Nursery Opening Times: 9:00am – 1:30pm

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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 Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal, the responsibility for applying these criteria.

It is the policy of the Education Authority to open the pre-school application procedure online application form on 7th January 2021 at 12 noon to parents hoping to gain admission in the following September. Applications must be completed online by 29th January, 2020 when the portal closes at 12noon . The Board of Governors will consider the applications and in the event of oversubscription the following criteria will be applied in the order set down below.

Issue of offer of places to parents of pre-school applicants will be given on 28th April 2021 and a second offer of places to those parents previously unplaced and to underage applicants will be given on 10th June 2021.

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 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.

Children who are not normally resident in Northern Ireland at the time of proposed admission will not be considered for places until all children who reside in Northern Ireland have been considered. The Board of Governors have determined that, in the event of more applicants than the places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set down, to select children for the available places.

Statutory Criteria

- 1 Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances* who were born between 2 July 2017 and 1 July 2018.
- 2 Children born between 2 July 2017 and 1 July 2018.

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 that the school is over-subscribed in criteria 1-2 preference shall be given in the order set down below:

- (a) Children who have listed King's Road Nursery School as their first preference;
- (b) Children whose siblings (including half brothers/ sisters, foster/ adopted siblings) have previously attended and have done for a full school year or currently attend this school; (name and date of attendance of siblings(s) should be shown clearly on the application)
- (c) Children who reside in BT5;
- (d) Children who reside in BT16 will be considered when all BT5 postcodes have been placed;
- (e) Children on the basis of the initial letter of the child's surname as recorded on the child's birth certificate in the order set down below.

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The order was determined by a randomised selection of the letters of the alphabet. In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter the subsequent letters of the surnames will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of 2 identical surnames the alphabetical order of the letters of the forenames as recorded on the child's birth certificate will be used. If it is still not possible to distinguish between applicants, places will be determined by drawing lots. In the event of a double-barrelled surname the first surname will be used for the purposes of selection.

In the event of two children having exactly the same full name, there will be a random selection tie breaker between the two names.

Non-Statutory Criteria

Should there be any places remaining, applications will be considered from those children born between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019. Places will be allocated in strict chronological order of age – eldest first. Should 2 children have the same date of birth sub-criteria (e) above will apply for final selection.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors 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.

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.

Applicants should note that where an address contained within an application qualifies it for admission prior to a place being offered, then that address will be verified. To enable the Board of Governors to verify address, all applicants should provide **any two of the four following documents:**

- a bank or building society statement which shows the address at which the child is resident;
- a utility bill (for instance electricity, gas, TV Licence, telephone) which shows the address at which the child is resident;
- a letter awarding child benefit to the child or another letter relating to this benefit;
- a Mortgage Statement or Rental Agreement.

This is in addition to the standard requirement to provide a Birth Certificate in order to verify the age of a child.

Original documents are required and not facsimiles or photocopies.

Applications are to be completed online, via the EA website using the digital admissions process.

Waiting List Policy

Should a vacancy arise after placement letters have been issued, all applications initially refused, together with any new or late applications, will be treated equally and the above criteria applied to select pupils. Parents will be contacted accordingly. This will be in place until 30 June 2022.