

Dromore Community Playgroup
14 Omagh Road
Dromore
BT78 3AH

Voluntary Playgroup
No of Funded Places (Part-time): To be determined
Session Times: Monday to Friday - Morning Session: 8:45am – 11:15am
Afternoon Session: 12:15pm – 2:45pm

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Respective Functions of the Management Committee and Playgroup Leader in relation to admissions.

The Management Committee have determined that, in the event of there being more applicants than places available the following criteria will be applied, in the order set down, to select children for the available places.

Parents are asked to indicate in the preference section of the Application Form whether they prefer the morning or afternoon session. In the event of oversubscription, selection for places will take place on the following basis;

We will try to accommodate your preference but the session allocation may be subject to change. Individual needs; gender and age are the factors considered when allocating sessions – this is to ensure there is the most effective learning environment for your child.

In the event that there are too many requests for a particular session; names will be randomly selected, 50% male/50% female equally in each session (or as near as possible).

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.

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.

Admissions Criteria – Statutory Criteria

- 1 Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances 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

If there are more children satisfying the last criterion, which can be applied, then selection for the remaining places will be on the basis of:

- (i) Children who have a sibling currently enrolled or previously attended Primary Schools in Dromore or Dromore Community Playgroup.
- (ii) First or only child in the family.
- (iii) Children with Special Educational Needs.

In the event of over-subscription in the last criterion which can be applied, then selection for all places remaining in this category will be on the basis of the initial letter of the surname as per the birth certificate, in the order set out below:-

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

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 birth certificate.

Duty to Verify

The Management Committee 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 Management Committee 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

The Waiting List Policy is available directly from the Playgroup.