Admissions criteria for entry September 2019

Naíscoil Páirce Glaise
Irish Medium Playgroup
Greenpark, Keady Road
Armagh BT60 4AB

Person in Charge/Leader: Mrs O M Manus B.Ed
Chair of Management Committee: Mr Nial Smyth

Voluntary Playgroup
No of Funded Places (Part-time): To be determined
Session Times: Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 1:00pm

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Respective Functions of the Management Committee and Playgroup Leader in relation to admissions.
The Management Committee draws up the admissions criteria and delegates responsibility for applying the criteria to the Playgroup Leader.

Places funded by the Pre-School Education Programme will be allocated to children in their final pre-school year who are resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission.

Admissions Criteria
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. Other children born between 2 July 2015 and 1 July 2016 (both dates inclusive).

Admissions Sub-Criteria
In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, children will be selected for admission using the following sub-criteria agreed by the setting’s Management Committee:

a) Children currently attending the playgroup;
b) Children whose parents/guardians is/are currently permanent employees in Armagh CBS;
c) Children whose brother/sister, half brother/half sister including those fostered or adopted attended the playgroup;
d) Children whose brother/sister, half brother/half sister including those fostered or adopted are currently attending or attended CBS Primary School/Bunscoil;
e) Children whose parent(s) attended CBS (Primary/Rang1 – Primary/Rang7);
f) Tie breaker alphabetical random order according to DENI. 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:

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

Sub-criterion f) will also be used as a deciding factor in the event of oversubscription occurring when sub-criteria (a-e) is applied.

The above arrangements do not apply to fee-paying places. Parents interested in obtaining a fee-paying place for your child in the playgroup should contact the playgroup leader directly.

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
Should a vacancy arise after 11 June 2019, all applications for admission to 2019-2020 that were initially refused, new applications, late applications and applications where new information has been provided, will be treated equally and the published criteria applied. The waiting list will be in place until June 2020. The school will contact you in writing if your child gains a place in the school by this method. Upon receiving a completed application form (at any preference stage) your child’s name will be automatically added to the list. Please contact the school if you wish your child’s name to be removed from the list.