Admissions criteria for entry September 2019

The Dry Arch Children’s Centre
Glenshane Business Park
50 Legavallon Road
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Voluntary Playgroup
No of Funded Places (Part-time): To be determined
Session Times: Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 11:30am

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Respective Functions of the Management Committee 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.

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 - Statutory Criteria
1 Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances born between 2 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.
2 Children born between 2 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

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.

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 already attend daycare at The Dry Arch and whose first preference is the Centres’ Playgroup.
(ii) Members of family already attending The Dry Arch Children’s Centre Services and Sure Start Services and whose first preference is The Dry Arch Centre Playgroup.
(iii) Children whose siblings have previously attended The Dry Arch Children’s Centre Playgroup (eldest applicant first) and whose first preference is the Centres’ Playgroup.
(iv) Referral from Western Health and Social Care Trust.

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:-

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

This order was determined by a randomised selection of letters of the alphabet by staff members of the Dry Arch Playgroup. In the event of surnames beginning with the same 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 as per the birth certificate will be used.

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.