Admissions criteria for entry September 2020

Little Wombles C.C. Playgroup
Courthouse, 20 High Street
Draperstown
BT45 7AA

Voluntary Playgroup
No of Funded Places (Part-time): To be determined
Session Times: Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 12noon

Person in Charge/Leader: Mrs Shauna Kelly
Chair of Management Committee/Proprietor: Mrs Brenda Hegarty

Respective Functions of the Management Committee/Proprietor and the Leader in relation to admissions.
Committee sets out criteria and Leader follows procedure.

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 2020 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 30 January 2020 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 30 January 2020 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 to be used in the event of the centre being oversubscribed in relation to funded places. The criteria are listed in order of priority.

Children will be admitted according to the following statutory criteria:
1. Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances in their final pre-school year i.e. born between 2 July 2016 and 1 July 2017 (inclusive);
2. Children not falling within sub-paragraph (1) in their final pre-school year;

and who at the time of their proposed admission will not have a pre-school education place, whether full-time or part-time, at another school or any other premises.

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
In the event of oversubscription on the application of a statutory criterion the sub-criteria will be applied in the order set down.

a. Children whose parent/carer are employed or volunteer in Little Wombles setting.
b. Children who have attended Little Wombles in the previous school year.
c. A child whose siblings attended the playgroup in their final pre-school year.
d. Children with developmental or special educational needs and whose application is supported by an appropriate professional.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Management Committee 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 admissions criteria is stated on the application form or attached to it.

Parents are asked to note that “funded places” can only be allocated to pupils in their final pre-school year.

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.