Earlview Primary School and Nursery
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Admissions No: 26 (Full-time)
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Respective Functions of the Board of Governors and the Principal in relation to admissions.
The Board of Governors will determine the Admissions Criteria. The criteria will be applied by the Principal on behalf of the Board of Governors.

Wednesday 2nd December 2026 & Wednesday 6th January 2027 – Please use Eventbrite to book a slot.

We are pleased to be able to welcome you into our school. More information on how to book a visit will be provided on our school website. **https://www.earlviewprimary.co.uk/**

If you have any problems, please ring the school on 02890 342203 and we will be happy to help.

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/parents/admissions/pre-school-admissions-guide .

The application procedure opens for **Target-age** applications on **6 January 2027 at 12 noon** (GMT). **Target-age** applications (not including late deferrals) can be **submitted** by the closing date of **20 January 2027 at 12 noon** (GMT). After 12 noon on 20 January 2027, applicants cannot apply until Stage 2 of the Pre-School Admissions procedure opens on 18 March 2027.

As the pre-school admissions procedure is in two stages the timetable also specifies the application deadline date/time for Stage 2 **Target-age (including late deferrals) and underage** applications.

(For a P1 deferral of school starting age, a 'late deferral' is a child who has attended or is currently attending a funded pre-school setting under the Pre-School Education Programme as a target-age child).

In selecting children for admission, children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission will be selected for admission to school before any child not so resident.

Admissions criteria to be used in the event of the school being oversubscribed. The criteria are listed in order of priority.

Statutory Criteria

1 Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances in their final pre-school year who were born:
- on or between 2 July 2023 and 1 July 2024 (inclusive) and whose parents have not exercised their right to defer their child's entry to primary school; or,
- on or between 1 April 2023 and 1 July 2023 (inclusive) or were due to be born on or between those dates but were born earlier; and,
  - have not attended or are not currently attending a funded pre-school setting under the Pre-School Education Programme as a target aged child; and,
  - that child's parent has completed a request to defer their child starting P1 until September 2028.

*Note: Children from 'socially disadvantaged circumstances' means a child whose parent has an entitlement to **(i) Income Support, or (ii) Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.** When parents apply for places for their child on this basis they must provide Benefit Verification to confirm that they have an entitlement. The application procedure for Pre-School will outline how Benefit Verification can be submitted.*

2 Children not from socially disadvantaged circumstances (as defined above) who are in their final pre-school year (as defined by Criterion 1).

In the event of the enrolment number being exceeded on the application of a statutory criterion the sub-criteria set out below will be applied in the order indicated -

Sub-criteria

1. Children who have a "child of the family" currently attending Earlview Primary School in P1 to P7 at the time of application.
    a. The name and current class of the child attending Earlview must be included on the application.
2. Children who, at the time of application, have an older child of the family who has applied for admission to P1 at Earlview Primary School for September 2027, with Earlview Primary School listed as their first preference.
3. The name of the child applying for P1 must be included on the application.
4. Children who are the only/oldest "child of the family" suitable for mainstream education in the family. (A birth certificate will need to be provided along with a letter from: a medical practitioner for example a doctor or health visitor, a nursery/pre-school/private day-care provider, a solicitor, an elected public representative or a member of the clergy.) Proof of only/oldest will be required along with the application.
5. Children for whom Earlview Primary School and Nursery is the nearest statutory nursery provision to the child's normal place of residence**.**
    a. For the purposes of this criterion, the child's normal place of residence will be the address at which the child normally resides and which has been provided on the application.
    b. Distance will be determined using Google Maps, using the shortest available route by Walk between the child's normal place of residence and Earlview Primary School and Nursery.
    c. Where necessary, the Board of Governors may request satisfactory evidence of the child's normal place of residence.
6. Children with a "child of the family" who previously attended the primary school. Names and final year to be written on the application form.
7. Remaining places will be selected on the basis of initial letter of surname (as entered on Birth Certificate) in the order set out below:

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

This 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 surname will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initial letter and subsequent letters of the forenames will be used.
In the event of two identical forenames the alphabetical order of the initial letter and subsequent letter of the middle name will be used. A child with a middle name will take first priority.

Non-statutory criteria

Note: Applications falling under Criterion 3 are processed only during Stage 2 of the admissions process, after final pre-school year (Statutory 1 and 2) applications.

3 Children who were born:

- on or between 1 April 2023 - 1 July 2023 (inclusive), or were due to be born on or between those dates but were born earlier; and,
    - and have attended or are currently attending a funded pre-school setting under the Pre-School Education Programme as a target aged (not penultimate aged) child; and,
    - that child's parent has completed a request to defer their child starting P1, or
- on or between 2 July 2024 and 1 July 2025 (inclusive); or,
- on or between 1 April 2024 and 1 July 2024 (inclusive) or were due to be born on or between those dates but were born earlier; and that child's parent has completed a request to defer their child starting P1 until September 2029.

Tie Breaker – Non Statutory Criterion 3
Children within Criterion 3 will be selected in Chronological Order of Age – eldest child first. In the event of two or more children having the same DOB the above sub-criterion **d** will be used.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed on or provided with 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 provided with it.

*The definition of 'child of the family' covers:

- a child born to a married couple
- a child born to a co-habiting couple
- a child or either of those people by a previous marriage or relationship
- a child living with same sex partners whether there is a civil partnership under the Civil Partnership Act 2004 or not
- an adopted or fostered child
- a situation where, for example, a cousin is being brought up with a family.

In the case of a nursery place becoming available after the beginning of the school year, the admissions criteria will be applied.

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.

The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by pre-schools can result in the withdrawal of a place and the inability to offer a place on the part of any school nominated on the applicant's application form.

Waiting List Policy
Should a vacancy arise after the Open Enrolment Admissions procedure concludes, all applications for admission to 2027-2028 that were initially refused, new applications, late applications and applications where new information has been provided, will be treated equally and published criteria applied. The waiting list will be in place until June 2027. The school will contact you if your child gains a place in the school by this method. Upon receiving a completed application (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.

Applications and Admissions to Pre-School

Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2025/2026*	56	35
2026/2027	58	26

The Total Admissions figures includes all pre-school children admitted to the pre-school including those who have a statement of special educational needs and/or may be attending SPiMS.
(SPiMS = Specialist Provision in Mainstream School)