

Towerview Primary School Nursery Unit

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Controlled Nursery Unit

Admissions No: 52 (Part-time)
Session Times – Morning Session (26): 8:50am – 11:20am
Afternoon Session (26): 12:20pm – 2:50pm

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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 10 January 2025 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 24 January 2025 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 24 January 2025 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.

In the event of oversubscription, a committee of the Board of Governors will apply the Department of Education's admission criteria in the order stated:

Statutory Criteria

1. Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances in their final pre-school year who were born:
 - on or between 2 July 2021 and 1 July 2022 (inclusive) and whose parents have not exercised their right to defer their child's entry to primary school; or,
 - on or between 1 April 2021 and 1 July 2021 (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 2026.

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, or (iii) Income related Employment and Support Allowance, or (iv) Universal Credit. 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).

Sub-Criteria

In the event of over-subscription in any of the above criteria (1-2), children will be admitted in accordance with the following sub-criteria, in the order stated:

1. **Children who attend Towerview Nursery Unit or have an older brother/sister* enrolled at Towerview Primary School & Nursery Unit, (details must be included).**
2. **Children who are the eldest or only child in their family;**
3. **Children whose parent attended Towerview Primary School (details & dates must be included).**
4. **Children whose parents nominate Towerview Nursery Unit as either first or second preference, (only used in the event of over- subscription.)**
5. **Children who have had an older brother/sister* enrolled at Towerview Primary School, (details must be included).**

Priority will be given to those children living closest to the school. In applying this criterion, the Governors will award places on the basis of distance from the home address to the School & Nursery Unit address by an acceptable walking route, according to Google Maps. In the event of 2 children living an equal distance from the school, preference will be given according to alphabetical order as used in the telephone directory.

**A brother/sister will be defined as: brother; sister; half-brother; half-sister; step-brother; step-sister; adopted-brother; adopted sister; foster-brother; foster-sister.*

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 2020 - 1 July 2020 (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 2021 and 1 July 2022 (inclusive); or,
- on or between 1 April 2021 and 1 July 2021 (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 2026.

Tie Breaker – Non Statutory Criterion 3

Children within Criterion 3 will be selected in Chronological Order of Age – eldest child first. Where two children have the same date of birth, final selection will be on the basis of distance from home to the main door of the Nursery Unit by an acceptable walking route, according to Google Maps. In the event of 2 children living an equal distance from the school, preference will be given according to alphabetical order as used in the telephone directory.

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.

If the requested evidence is not provided to the Board of Governors 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 the Open Enrolment Procedure concludes, all applications 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 school will contact you in writing if your child gains entry through this method. The waiting list will be in place until the end of the academic year.

