Admissions criteria for entry September 2027

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
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Respective Functions of the Board of Governors and the Principal in relation to admissions.
The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to an Admissions Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal and the Head of Junior school, the responsibility for applying these criteria.

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 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 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).

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 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.

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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.

