

Lisbellaw Community Nursery - Admission Criteria

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lisbellaw Community Nursery is a purpose built, self-contained unit situated within the grounds of Lisbellaw Primary School. It has its own outside play facilities including a covered play area and open grass area, all enclosed.

The Management Committee of the Nursery includes representatives from both schools in the village. The Board of Governors of Lisbellaw Controlled Primary School has overall responsibility for it.

The Nursery is equipped with an attractive and stimulating range of educational toys and equipment, which are designed to promote all aspects of the child's early learning and development.

The Nursery teacher and Nursery assistant are both very experienced, enabling them to provide a stimulating, challenging, appropriately paced and well structured Nursery curriculum to meet the learning needs of the pupils in their care. They provide a caring and welcoming environment where each child is valued as an individual and where they can experience an enjoyable and enriching high standard pre-school education.

Staff aim to share positively with parents in all aspects of their child's development and parents are encouraged to take an active interest in the life of the Nursery.

OPENING TIMES 9.00 am – 12 noon

Admissions Criteria

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.

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.

Please see Page 13 for Statutory Criteria 1 – 4.

5 Other children born between 2 July 2009 and 1 July 2010.

If there are more applicants satisfying the last criterion which can be applied than places available, then selection for the remaining places will be according to the following sub-criteria.

Sub-Criteria

- (a) Children with Special Educational Needs whose placement is recommended by the Special Education Section of the Western Education and Library Board.
- (b) Children who have **severe** speech delay which must be supported by written evidence from the Speech and Language Therapy Department.
- (c) Children on the 'at risk register'.
- (d) Chronological order of the pupils' ages, oldest first. In the event of two or more identical dates of birth, selection will be made using the random alphabetical tie-breaker as listed below.

If there are more applicants satisfying the last sub-criterion which can be applied, than places available, then selection for the remaining places will be on the basis of the initial letter of the surname, in the order set out below -

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

The order was determined by randomized selection of letters of the alphabet.

In the event of surnames beginning with the same letter the subsequent letters of the surnames will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of 2 identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames will be used.

The Admissions Criteria will be applied by a Management Committee. All criteria will apply as at closing date on application form.

If parents have any difficulty in completing the form, then they should consult the Principal of the school.

Applications after 1 September 2012

The same Admissions Criteria will be used for applications after 1 September 2012.

Parents should also note that if their child is seeking nursery provision for the 2nd year they MUST reapply