

Admissions criteria for entry September 2022

Jolly Pirates Pre-School Based at Jolly Rodgers Day Nursery
47 Antrim Road
Lisburn
BT28 3EB

Private Day Nursery
No of Funded Places (Part-time): To be determined
Session Times: Monday to Friday – Morning Session: 9:15am – 11:45am
Afternoon Session: 12:30pm – 3:00pm

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Open Morning: Due to Covid-19 regulations we are only able to offer viewing strictly by appointment only at this present time. Contact us to arrange an appointment date and time (all appointments will follow our current Covid-19 policies and procedures. In addition, a virtual 3D tour will be available on our website www.jollypiratespreschool.co.uk and Facebook Page. You can keep up to date with any changes or announcements on our website and Facebook Page – Jolly Pirates Preschool.

Respective Functions of the Management Committee and Playgroup Leader in relation to admissions.

The Management Committee draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to an Admissions Sub-Committee, which includes the Leader, 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/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 2022 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 28 January 2022 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 28 January 2022 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.

All children admitted to Jolly Pirates Pre-School funded places in 2022/23 must be in their final pre-school year, ie they must have been born between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019 inclusive and have attained their 3rd birthday on or before 1 July 2022. 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 pre-school's admissions criteria is stated on the application form or attached to it.

In the event of there being more applications than funded places available the following admissions criteria will be applied in the order set down:

- 1 Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances who were born between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019.
- 2 Children born between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019.

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 provide Benefit Verification to confirm that they are in receipt of a qualifying payment. This should be provided to the Pre-School of first preference and the application procedure for Pre-School will outline how this can be submitted.

Sub-criteria

If oversubscribed in any of the above criteria the following sub-criteria will be applied in the order stated:

- (a) Children who have listed Jolly Pirates Pre-school as their first preference;
- (b) Children currently in attendance at Jolly Rodgers Day Nursery according to length of attendance. Management committee will allocate am/pm session at their discretion;
- (c) The geographical location of the child's home relative to the setting, using google maps by public road;
- (d) Looked after children (LAC), defined by the Children NI Order 1995 as children who are in the care of a Trust or who are provided with accommodation by the Trust;

A copy of the child's birth certificate MUST accompany the application along with any other supporting information requested. This should be provided to the first preference school.

In the event of oversubscription in the last criterion which can be applied, then selection for all places remaining in this category will be on the basis of the initial letter of surname as per the birth certificate in the order set out below:-

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

The order was determined by a randomised 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 two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames as printed on the birth certificate will be used, both in ascending order.

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 Pre-school's policy on the consideration of applications after the Open Enrolment procedure concludes on Thursday 16th June 2022 can be accessed on our website: www.jollypiratespreschool.co.uk

Covid-19

Due to restrictions as mentioned above you can arrange a viewing appointment or view our virtual tour. You are more than welcome to contact us via telephone or email to discuss Jolly Pirates Pre-school further and to speak to staff. We can also arrange online discussions with parents if requested. On our website and Facebook, we will have further information on Jolly Pirates Pre-school, our provision, and classes. Depending on Covid-19 guidelines in September 2022, session times may be adjusted to allow staggered drop off and pick up times.