

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

Voluntary Playgroup  
No of Funded Places (Part-time): To be determined  
Session Times: Monday to Friday: Two Morning Sessions  
9.05am to 11.35am and 9.15am to 11.45am  
(session times may vary depending on outcome of standardisation & change of hours to full time sessions – 4/4.5 hours tbc).

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Open Morning: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023 10.00am to 12.00pm. Come along and view our two classrooms, 3 outdoor gardens and forest area. A virtual 3D tour is also available on our website [www.jollypiratespreschool.co.uk](http://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.

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

#### 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](http://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 2023 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 27 January 2023 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 27 January 2023 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 2023/24 must be in their final pre-school year.

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:

#### Statutory Criteria

- 1 Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances in their final pre-school year who were born:
  - on or between 2 July 2019 and 1 July 2020 (inclusive) and whose parents have not exercised their right to defer their child's entry to primary school; or,
  - on or between 1 April 2019 and 1 July 2019 (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 2024.

**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

If there are more children satisfying the last criterion above, which can be applied, then selection for the remaining places will be on the application of the following sub-criteria in the order set down below:

- (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.
- (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:-

**D Q O N W L I S P H M K E B V G J F Q B J O E L T**

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.

### **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 criteria 1 and 2) applications.**

#### 3. Children who were born:

- on or between 1 April 2019 - 1 July 2019 (inclusive), or were due to be born on or between those dates but were born earlier; 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.

#### **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 random selection of letters will be used.

#### **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**

Should a vacancy arise after 13 June 2023, all applications for admission to the pre-school 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 the end of the academic year.

The pre-school will contact you in writing/email if your child gains a place in the pre-school by this method. Your child's name will automatically be added to the list. Please contact the pre-school if you wish for your child's name to be removed from the list.

The Pre-school's policy on the consideration of applications after the Open Enrolment procedure concludes on Tuesday 13 June 2023 can be accessed on our website: [www.jollypiratespreschool.co.uk](http://www.jollypiratespreschool.co.uk)