

Moneyrea Primary and Nursery School
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Controlled Primary School

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Admissions No: 30

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RESPECTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND PRINCIPAL IN RELATION TO ADMISSIONS

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates responsibility for applying these criteria to an Admissions Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal and Chairperson.

Prospective parents are invited to attend our Open Night on 7 January 2026 from 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

During the admissions procedure, when applying the criteria, punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 7 January 2026 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 21 January 2026 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 21 January 2026 and up to 4 pm on 26 January 2026 will be treated as a late application. This is also the last date and time for processing a change of preference in exceptional circumstances. After 4 pm on 26 January 2026, no applications will be processed until after the procedure closes on 23 March 2026.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE

Any child who reaches their 4th Birthday on or before 1st July 2026 is of Compulsory School Age. Under the School Age (NI) Act, which became law in Northern Ireland in April 2022, 'compulsory school age' also includes those children who deferred commencing Primary 1 in September 2025, as defined by the new School Age (NI) Act (both groups to be treated equally).

Priority will be given to children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to the school before those who are not so resident.

Year 1 Intake

In the event of the school being over-subscribed, children will be admitted according to the following criteria, applied in the order listed:

1. Children who are currently enrolled in Moneyrea Nursery Unit and have a sibling** currently enrolled at Moneyrea Primary School in Years 1 - 7.
Please provide full name of sibling(s) and current year of attendance at Moneyrea Primary
2. Children who have a sibling** currently enrolled at Moneyrea Primary School in Years 1 - 7.
3. Other children who are currently enrolled in Moneyrea Nursery Unit.
4. Other children

Tiebreaker

In the event of over-subscription in the last criterion which can be applied, then selection for all remaining places will be based on children who live closest to Moneyrea Primary School by public road as calculated on RAC Route Planner.

In the instance of two or more children tied by distance as measured by RAC Route Planner, selection will be on the basis of the initial letter of surname in the order set out below:

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

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 per the birth certificate will be used.

Responsibility of Parents

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that all relevant information regarding the school's admissions criteria is included on the application form, and that all supporting documentation, including an original birth certificate, is attached to the online application.

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 applicant's application form.

Verifying documentation should be submitted with your child's online application. The last date/time for submitting supporting documentation is 4.00pm on Monday 26 January 2026.

If the requested evidence is not provided to the Board of Governors by this deadline, 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.

Verifying Documents

Parents **must attach** the child's original birth certificate to the online application.

To verify a child's permanent place of residence, parents must attach any 2 of the following original documents:

- Bank or building society statement
- Utility bill (e.g. electricity, gas, TV licence, telephone) – within the last 3 months
- Letter awarding Child Benefit for the child
- Electoral ID card
- Addressed payslip
- Mortgage statement
- Rental agreement
- Land and Property Services rates demand

WAITING LIST POLICY

If your child's application is unsuccessful, their name will be automatically added to our waiting list. Please contact the school if you wish for your child's name to be removed from the waiting list.

Should a vacancy arise, all applications for admission to Year 1 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 waiting list will be in place until 30 June 2026.

Applications for admission to Yr1 after the commencement of the school year and for Yr2 to Yr7 will follow criteria 1 – 3 as listed above.

Notes:

***Definition of Compulsory School Age**

The following children will be eligible to apply for Year 1 in September 2026:

- Children born on or between 1 April 2021 and 1 July 2021 (inclusive) and children born before 1 April 2021 but with a due date on or after 1 April 2021 whose parents deferred their admission to primary school in September 2025. These children will have deferred entry from September 2025 and are eligible to apply for Year 1 in September 2026.
- Children born on or between 2 July 2021 and 31 March 2022 (inclusive and whose due date was not after 1 April 2022). These children are not eligible to defer entry to Year 1 and should apply for Year 1 admissions.
- Children born on or between 1 April 2022 and 1 July 2022 (inclusive), and children born before 1 April 2022 but whose due date on or after this date. Parents of these children can apply for Year 1 or they may decide to defer and apply for pre-school. They are not permitted to apply for both a preschool and Year 1 place.

**** Definition of Sibling**

1. Sibling to be defined as ‘Children who, at the date of their application, have a child of the family currently enrolled at the school’.
2. ‘Child of the family’ includes:
 - a. a child born to a married couple or to a couple in a civil partnership
 - b. a child born to a cohabiting couple
 - c. a child born to a single parent
 - d. a child by a previous marriage, civil partnership, or relationship living at the applicant address
 - e. a child living with a couple who has been treated as a ‘child of the family’, whether there is a marriage or a civil partnership or not
 - f. a child living with an individual, who has been treated as a ‘child of the family’
 - g. an adopted or fostered child
 - h. an orphaned cousin being brought up with a family or individual
3. The child should be a child of the family as of the date of application.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 1

Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2023/2024	36	32
2024/2025	34	32
*2025/2026	30	29

**The Total Admissions for year 2025/2026 includes all P1 children admitted to the school including those who have a statement of special educational needs and/or may be attending SPiMS.
(SPiMS = Specialist Provision in Mainstream School)*