

Admissions criteria for entry September 2026

Moneyrea Primary School Nursery Unit
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Principal: Mr R H Greer BSSc PGCE MEd
Chairperson: Mr P Moore

Open Night: 7 January 2026 – 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Controlled Nursery Unit
Admissions No: 26 (Full-time)
Session Times: 9:00am – 1:30pm

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We are pleased to notify prospective parents that as of September 2026 our Nursery Unit will offer 26 full-time places and a midday meal will be available.

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 responsibility for applying these criteria to an Admissions Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal and Chairperson. The admissions criteria are reviewed annually by the Governors. Any reference herein to the term the Board of Governors includes any Sub-Committee appointed by the Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the admissions criteria.

Admissions Criteria

A timetable of pre-school admissions procedures, setting out the dates by which an application must 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.

The application procedure opens on 07 January 2026 at 12 noon (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 12 noon (GMT) on 21 January 2026 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 whether an application is considered punctual or late.

Admissions criteria to be used in the event of the school being oversubscribed with applications for available places.

Statutory Criteria

1. Children from **socially disadvantaged** circumstances in their final pre-school year who were born:
 - on or between 2 July 2022 and 1 July 2023 (inclusive), and whose parents **have not** exercised their right to defer their child's entry to primary school; or,
 - on or between 1 April 2022 and 1 July 2022 (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 Year 1 until September 2027.

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 their entitlement. The Pre-School application procedure outlines 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 Statutory Criteria 1 or 2, then selection for remaining places will be by application of the following sub-criteria in the order set down below:

- (a) Children who have a sibling* currently enrolled at Moneyrea Primary School (Yrs 1 -7) or its Nursery Unit
- (b) Other children

Tie Breaker (Sub-criteria)

In the event of oversubscription after sub-criteria (a) and (b) have been applied, then selection for all remaining places will be on the basis of children who live closest to Moneyrea Primary School by public road, as calculated by RAC Route Planner.

In the event of two or more children living equidistant from school and consequently tying for a last place or places, then selection for all remaining places will be based on the initial letter of the surname as per the birth certificate in the order set out below:

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

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 2022 - 1 July 2022 (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 Year 1, or
- on or between 2 July 2023 and 1 July 2024 (inclusive); 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 that child's parent has completed a request to defer their child starting Year 1 until September 2028.

Non-statutory Sub-Criteria

If there are more children satisfying non-statutory criterion 3, 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 a sibling* currently enrolled at Moneyrea Primary School (Yrs 1 -7) or its Nursery Unit;
- (b) Other children;

Tie Breaker (Non-Statutory Sub-Criteria)

In the event of oversubscription after non-statutory sub-criteria (a) and (b) have been applied, then selection for all remaining places will be on the basis of children who live closest to Moneyrea Primary School by public road, as calculated by the RAC Route Planner.

In the event of two or more children living equidistant from school and consequently tying for a last place or places, then selection for all remaining places will be based on the initial letter of the surname as per the birth certificate in the order set out above.

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.

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.

Verifying Documents:

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

Parents must submit their child's birth certificate with their application.

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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)
- 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 list.

Should a vacancy arise, all applications for admission to nursery that were initially refused, new applications, late applications, and applications where new information has been provided will be treated equally, and the published admissions criteria will apply. The waiting list will be in place until 30 June 2026.

The school will contact you in writing if your child gains a place in our nursery unit by this method.

Notes:

* 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
 - 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. a situation where, for example, an orphaned cousin is 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 Pre-School

Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2025/2026*	26	26

****The Total Admissions for year 2025/2026 includes all pre-school children admitted to the pre-school including those who have a statement of special educational needs and/or may be attending SPiMS.***

(SPiMS = Specialist Provision in Mainstream School)