Primate Dixon Primary School Nursery
4 School Lane
Coalisland
BT71 4NW

Principal: Mr Seán Dillon
Chair of Board of Governors: Mrs Catherine Sheeran

Maintained Nursery
Admissions No: 52 Full-Time Places
Session: 8:45am – 1:15pm
A mid-day meal is available

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Respective Functions of the Board of Governors and the Principal in relation to admissions.
The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria. Criteria will be applied by the Principal acting on behalf of Governors.

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 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 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.

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 P1 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 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).

Admission Sub-Criteria
If there are more pupils satisfying the last criterion that can be applied, then selection for the remaining places will be on the basis of the following sub-criteria in the order set down below:-

(i) Children who reside in Coalisland Parish* (*Parish of Ballyclog and Donaghenry);
(ii) Children whose parents/carers have indicated Primate Dixon Nursery as first preference;
(iii) Children with a sister/brother currently attending Primate Dixon or who are eldest in family;
(iv) Other children whose parents/carers have indicated Primate Dixon Nursery as first preference.

If oversubscribed in any one of the sub-criteria taken in order the selection for the remaining places will be on the basis of a randomly selected order of **surnames** as set out below:-

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

In the event of two or more surnames beginning with the same initial letter the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order.
In the event of two or more surnames beginning with Mc, the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in the random order set out above.

In the event of two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forename or subsequent letters of the forename if necessary will be used and if required thereafter subsequent forenames.

Non-statutory criteria

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 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: 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 P1 until September 2028.

Tie Breaker – Non Statutory Criterion 3
Children within Criterion 3 will be selected in Chronological Order of Age – youngest child first.
In the event of two or more children having the same DOB the above random selection of letters will be used.

Supporting Documentation- If applying in January these documents must be submitted by 4pm on 26 January 2026.
To enable the Board of Governors to verify addresses, all applicants should provide **any two** of the following four documents-
• A letter awarding Child Benefit to the child or another letter relating to this benefit.
• Letter attached to the child's medical card which shows address at which the child is resident.
• A utility bill (for instance electricity, gas, television License, telephone) which shows the address at which the child is resident. (All utility bills must be less than three months old/mobile phone bill is not acceptable)
• A mortgage statement/rental agreement, which shows the address at which the child is resident.

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.

Waiting List Policy
If there are more applications than places available the school will operate a waiting list policy as set out below:-

Should a vacancy arise after Tuesday 19 May 2026 all applications for admission 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. This waiting list will be in place until 30 June 2026.

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

Your child's name will be automatically added to the list.

Please contact the school if you wish for your child's name to be removed from the list.

Applications and Admissions to Pre-School

Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2025/2026*	88	53

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)