



# Prospectus 2024/25

Omagh North Nursery School



**Information for Parents  
making an application  
for their child's pre-school education place**

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Holiday and Term Dates will be confirmed and provided to you in June 2024.  
Any parent who needs this information before June 2024 should contact the school.

## WORD OF WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your children to Omagh North Nursery School. 2024/25 is a very exciting year in our school when we move from full time and part time mixed pattern attendance, to 52 full-time for children in their preschool year.

By choosing Omagh North Nursery School, you are going to provide your child with staff who aim to provide high quality teaching and learning in a nurturing and enabling environment. We also aim to provide an array of wonderful preschool experiences upon which to lay the foundation of their future learning.

All our experiences are play based and take place in both the indoor and outdoor environments. Children are encouraged to achieve their maximum potential and using observations, staff provide children with the opportunity to develop and enhance their wide range of skills. Our experienced and enthusiastic staff are there to scaffold and model in a nurturing and encouraging way to ensure that your child develops to their full potential.

This prospectus has been designed to provide you with the basic information which we think you may need to learn a bit more about Omagh North Nursery School and to ensure that your children will enjoy their time at our Nursery School. Any parent/prospective parent/carer may contact school for further information. All details are correct at the time of going to print, but changes will be communicated by means of erratum letter.

If you require more information about a particular aspect of Nursery life, please contact us as we are only too willing to assist you in any way we can. All school policies and booklets are available on request by contacting the school secretary. It is through close communication between home and school that we build an open and harmonious relationship which will both support and encourage your child throughout their time at Omagh North Nursery School.

Mrs Amanda Duffy-Phillips  
PRINCIPAL

# School Information

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## SCHOOL HOURS

Full-time Classes 8 45 am – 1 15 pm

Collection between 1 05 pm – 1 15 pm

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8 20 am – 11 30 am

**WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE OFFERING  
52 FULL TIME PLACES FROM SEPTEMBER 2024**

## SCHOOL STAFF

Principal

Mrs Amanda Duffy-Phillips

Class Teachers

Mrs Amanda Duffy-Phillips (Mon -Thurs)

Mrs Julie Butler

Mrs Pamela McGovern (Fri)

Designated Teacher for  
Safeguarding

Mrs Amanda Duffy Phillips

Deputy Designated Teacher  
Safeguarding

Mrs Julie Butler

Mrs Pamela McGovern

Mrs Pamela McGovern

SENCo

Nursery Assistants

Mrs Lisa Patterson

Miss Wendy Gilmour

General Assistant

Mrs Toni Broderick

Secretary

Mrs Linda McFarland

Building Supervisor

Mr Shane Broderick

Cleaner

Mrs Dana McCrory

Dinner Bus Driver

Mr Pat Donaghy

Catering Staff

Mrs Philomena McNamee



# Nursery Education At Omagh North Nursery School

Starting nursery school at 3 years of age is very exciting and we aim to make it a memorable and enriching experience. At Omagh North Nursery School, staff recognise and value the range of home experiences that children come from. We want to build on these experiences and support your child to be as independent as they can be, which will help to develop a wealth of age-appropriate skills.

Omagh North Nursery School is the only purpose-built nursery school in Omagh. It is also the only Principal led preschool - only provision in our town.

It is situated on a very bright, spacious, and welcoming site on the Old Mountfield Road, which received enhancement during 2020.

We delight in welcoming children not only from inside our town boundary but from many outlying townlands and villages. This affords us the opportunity to integrate children from urban and rural areas together and to learn from, with and about each other.

As a community nursery school, we also delight in integrating children from all religious and cultural backgrounds and believe that inclusion and diversity are important elements of today's society. Inclusion and diversity is an integral part of our curriculum, effectively delivered through our Media Initiative Project.

Omagh North Nursery School's qualified and experienced staff consist of three teachers, two full time nursery assistants, one part time assistant, a secretary, a dining attendant, a cleaner and a building supervisor. Our team's aim is to promote the education of our children in all aspects of their development and work closely with parents and other agencies in order to ensure all children reach their maximum potential.

At all times the staff of Omagh North Nursery School strive to provide a warm, welcoming and caring atmosphere where everyone feels valued, and the needs of the child are at the centre of all our decision making.

Omagh North Nursery will be hosting an Open Day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January between 12 noon and 2pm.



Please scan this barcode to book in.



# OUR VISION STATEMENT

Omagh North Nursery School is committed to providing a happy, secure and caring environment in which our children can learn. We look to the education of the whole child, so that their needs may be met and their full potential developed. We look to do this not on our own but in partnership with our parents.

Our community Nursery School provides a stimulating and challenging learning environment where children and young people from all backgrounds can learn with, from and about each other. The promotion of equality and good relations extends to everyone in our Nursery and to their families, regardless of their religious, cultural or social background.

Nursery education is value driven and child centred. It is delivered through a holistic approach with an emphasis on developing every aspect of a child's potential.

## OMAGH NORTH NURSERY SCHOOL'S AIMS

### Aims of Our School

- To provide learning experiences in line with the Pre-School Curricular Guidance
- To create an environment that is caring, supportive, familiar and inclusive
- To develop understanding, appreciation and respect for the environment and the world
- To develop practical skills and provide opportunities to apply these creatively
- To appropriately use ICT to support and enhance children's learning experiences
- To help children develop physically and become aware of the need for exercise and a healthy lifestyle
- To encourage children to develop positive attitudes, perseverance, self-esteem and self-confidence

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors is a statutory body responsible for the strategic direction and development of the school. There are representatives from many sectors including parents on the Board of Governors, and this common characteristic across all schools, ensures that the needs of our pupils are at all times at the centre of our business.

There are several sub committees who have particular expertise and skills and they report to the full Board of Governors. The sub committees are –

- Open Enrolment
- Finance
- Performance Review and Staff Development
- Recruitment and Selection

A list of the Board of Governors will be provided to you as part of your Induction Pack.

# OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Our learning environment is bright and welcoming filled with age appropriate resources and open-ended play materials which will provide stimulation and encourage creative thinking.

Our indoor environment provides children with opportunities to engage in imaginative play, messy play, sensory play. Children are encouraged to develop sharing and turn taking skills at a wide variety of other activities, such as construction play, table top activities, jigsaw puzzles, playdough activities, etc. Children also develop fine motor skills by engaging in activities at the finger gym, the writing centre, the messy table and the painting easel.

Our outdoor environment is fortunate to have a soft pour safety surface throughout the entire area. There is a mix of fixed pieces of equipment which are fused with an array of natural materials to encourage creativity and imagination. We also offer many additional resources to develop physical skills outdoors.

We have a covered sandhouse, an outdoor cottage, a wooden ship, a range of digging areas filled with a variety of materials, open ended small world areas, an outdoor play kitchen, raised beds and a STEM yard, along with the other expected items of play.

Children go outside every day and experience the outdoor learning environment in all weathers, thoroughly enjoying being outdoors through all seasons.

# THE NURSERY DAY

- 8 45 am Doors Open & children are greeted at the door by their teacher
- 8 50 am Greeting Time
- 9 10 am Indoor play and exploration incorporating snack
- 10 50 am Tidy up time
- 11 00 am Story time
- 11 15 am Outdoor play and exploration
- 11 50 am Children begin to get ready for dinners, tidying up the outdoors
- 12 noon Dinners – all children avail of a hot cooked meal
- 12 30 pm Outdoor play and exploration
- 12 50 pm Tidy up time
- 12 55 pm Music and rhyme time
- 1 15 pm Home time



# BRIGHT START BREAKFAST CLUB

Omagh North Nursery School will be offering a limited number of places in our Breakfast Club. These will be available to parents who wish to leave their children to school before 8.45am, to enable them to get to work in suitable time.

There will be a daily charge for this facility which is payable weekly in advance. Families will also have to book into the facility on a monthly basis.

Bright Start Breakfast Club will begin after the initial settling in period (mid October) and will only be available to settled children.

Further information will be provided to you in October 2024. Please note this service will only be available if it is financially viable with an adequate regular uptake. It will be reviewed on a termly basis.



# THE PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM

Omagh North Nursery provides your child with a range of stimulating experiences which will encourage your child to develop their confidence and self-esteem in a warm, caring environment.

We will plan the experiences in line with the Department of Education for Northern Ireland Curricular Guidance for preschool education. Your child's experiences and learning will be planned for using 6 curricular areas.

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development and Movement
- Language Development
- Early Mathematical Experiences
- The World Around Us
- The Arts



Your child's development will be closely recorded and monitored using observations and assessments and staff will use this information to plan for your child's further development. Any challenges your child experiences will receive support and encouragement from all the staff to ensure that every child reaches their maximum potential during their pre-school year.

The school aims to build upon the learning experiences which have already taken place from birth to pre-school age and value the partnership between school and home immensely. Learning is based on play, practical activities and the interests of the individual child.

The children's experiences include indoor and outdoor play, art and craft, music and movement, imaginative play, construction activities, gardening and care of the living environment, stories and conversation, snack and meal times. Regular educational outings are planned to add to the value of the children's experiences.

We intend to increase the children's level of involvement in their play and concentrate on addressing their well-being throughout the year, believing that happy, confident children are active learners.

During your child's preschool year at Omagh North Nursery School they will get to experience:

- A nursery staffed by highly experienced teachers and assistants
- A dedicated teaching Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo)
- Circle time activities led by a language and communication support assistant
- A range of healthy snacks & the promotion of independence to help your child prepare snack

- Access to a forest and local parks to learn about nature first hand
- Trips out into the community such as Dunnes, Library, Post Office, etc
- An appreciation of Inclusion and respect through the Media Initiative Project which is led by Mrs McGovern
- Regular coaches who develop fundamental movement, balanceability, physical literacy and the arts
- Feis and Omagh Show participation
- A live theatrical experience offered by the Banyan Theatre
- An amazing sing along with Tom Sweeney
- Participation in Christmas and End of Year Shows



# PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

As the first educator of your child, we see the partnership between parents/ carers and staff as essential to the success of a child's pre-school year. We involve parents closely in their child's development and keep them updated with our Newsletters and curriculum information documents. We successfully bid for Getting Ready to Learn funding and offer a range of parent workshops to ensure school readiness at the end of your child's nursery year. Parents are also invited to share any skills or particular interests they have with us in order to enhance the children's nursery experiences.

You will also have the opportunity to meet with the school Health Visitor, Kerry O'Hanlon. During this appointment which takes place during Term 1 in school, Kerry will be able to assess your child's 3+ health development and well-being. It also provides you with the opportunity to discuss any other concerns you may have.

We understand how important it is that you know what your child is learning in school, and we send home a Curriculum Information Newsletter at the beginning of each planning period. This provides you with information on how to support your child's vocabulary, skills and development at home.



# PLAY TOGETHER, LEARN TOGETHER

As part of our transition program for our preschool children, Mrs McGovern and Mrs Broderick offer a 'Play Together, Learn Together' program.

This is an opportunity for children who are joining Omagh North Nursery School, to become familiar with their new environment, supported by their parent.

Through this program children and their parent are invited in for three successive afternoon sessions, during which your child will experience a typical day in nursery, albeit in a much shorter session.

At the end of each session, staff will provide you with a range of resources to support the focus of the Play Together, Learn Together session.

## GETTING READY TO LEARN

The Getting Ready to Learn project affords us the opportunity to offer parents and children:

- Education Works Workshops and borrowing packs
- Big Bedtime Read Workshops and book borrowing packs
- Ages & Stages Workshops
- Happy, Healthy Kids Workshops and resources to borrow



# HOME / SCHOOL CONTACT

All staff actively encourage parental contact with the school. The parents' support is essential in working with the school for the child's benefit. Parents and children starting school are invited to attend the school's transition programmes. These are run so that the children may become familiar with the school, and so that new parents can be shown ways to become involved in their child's education. The school will keep parents regularly updated regarding events and ways you can support your child's learning using Curriculum Newsletter and our school's NI App.

We like to foster parental relationships in various ways such as invitations to meetings, assistance with developing areas of the school, fundraising as well as informal contacts at the beginning and end of the school day. Parents are encouraged to discuss any matters of concern in the first instance with the class teacher. However, it may be best to make an appointment outside teaching time if a lengthy discussion is necessary. Parent Teacher Meetings are held during Term 1 each year, with follow up meetings when required and a final written report is provided to parents at the end of their child's nursery year.

Parents of children who have Individual Education Plans will be contacted by the class teacher on a regular basis to discuss the content of the plan and the progress of the child.

Parents will have the opportunity to attend:

- Open Day
- Taster Sessions
- Play Together, Learn Together Program
- Getting Ready to Learn Workshops
- Parent Teacher Meeting
- Christmas and End of Year Shows
- Fundraising Activities
- Ladies' Tea Party



## OTHER FUNDING

We have also been fortunate enough during 2022-23 and 2023-24 to benefit from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Funding. This money afforded us the opportunity to provide recipe bags to two families every week during our 'Happy Healthy Hearts' topic. The bags contained the ingredients for a healthy meal for a family, together with step by step pictorial recipe books.

## PASTORAL CARE

The staff are committed to the well-being of their pupils. Our policy is to care for the children and support their development regarding their physical health and safety together with their emotional stability. Partnership between staff, parents and other professionals is important in this area.

We have a Child Protection Policy in place to safeguard our children and the designated teacher is Mrs Duffy-Phillips, Principal and the deputy designated teachers are Mrs Butler and Mrs McGovern. Our Board of Governors also has a member responsible for Child Protection and that is Mr Johnston.

We are also members of the Operation Encompass Project. The Nursery School will be notified if any of our children have been involved in a domestic violence incident.

## CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURE

1. Staff have a duty of care to report cases of unusual behaviour, unusual marking, severe neglect or repeated physical or verbal aggression to the designated teacher, Mrs Duffy-Phillips.
2. Staff record the incident factually.

It may be necessary for the Designated Teacher to report incidents to or to seek advice from the EA Western Region CPSSS Designated Officer or relevant external agency.

Parents will be provided with a summary of our policy regarding Child Protection prior to children commencing with us.

## PROCEDURE FOR PARENTS WHO WISH TO RAISE A CHILD PROTECTION CONCERN AT OMAGH NORTH NURSERY

I have a concern about my own child  
or another child's safety.



I can talk to the class teacher.



**Mrs Duffy Phillips**  
Designated Teacher



If I am still concerned, I can talk to the  
Designated Teacher, Mrs Duffy-Phillips  
or the Deputy Designated Teachers,  
Mrs Butler or Mrs McGovern.  
Omagh North Nursery School's  
Telephone Number is 028 82246431



**Mrs Butler**  
Deputy Designated  
Teacher



**Mrs McGovern**  
Deputy Designated  
Teacher



If I am still concerned, I can talk to or  
write to the Chairperson of the Board of  
Governors



If I am still concerned, I can contact the  
NI Public Services Ombudsman  
Tel: 0800 343424

At anytime a parent can talk to a social worker at  
the Gateway Team (Western Trust)  
Tel: 028 71314 090  
Out of Hours Number: 028 9504 9999  
or the  
PSNI at the Public Protection Unit Central referral  
unit 02890259299  
Tel: 999 (Emergency) or 101 (Non-Urgent)

# PROMOTION OF GOOD BEHAVIOUR

We recognise that pre-school children are going through the developmental stage of achieving self-control and a fuller awareness of others.

Good behaviour can be promoted by parents and staff working together to develop children's social and communication skills, helping them to explore their feelings in an acceptable manner.

We believe that adults are role models for our children therefore both good parenting and effective teaching relationships can prevent children's social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. Our policy is available and will be explained to parents. We also explain how we intend to promote an anti-bullying culture.

In all classes we use positive statements through our Golden Rules to encourage the promotion of positive behaviour. Our Golden Rules are:

- We use walking feet
- We share and take turns
- We are honest
- We are gentle with our toys
- We listen
- We have kind hands and feet



# PUPIL WELFARE AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

To provide our children with the best possibility of achieving their maximum potential, regular attendance at Omagh North Nursery School is essential.

Below are just some of the key reasons why it is so important children attend school:

- To learn
- To have fun
- To make new friends
- To experience new things in life
- To develop awareness of other cultures, religion, ethnicity and gender differences
- To achieve
- To develop new skills
- To build confidence and self-esteem
- To have the best possible start in life

## ***Miss School - Miss Out!!***

Our Getting Ready to Learn 'Big Bedtime Read' program will provide you with hints and tips to establish firm bedtime routines, to ensure that children are well prepared for their nursery experiences the following day.

## ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school for any reason, you should inform school by telephone or e-mail, explaining the absence and estimating the date of your child's return to school.

Long-term absences should have a Doctor's certificate. Parents who wish to take their children away during school hours should contact the school office. These absences should only be for important reasons when no other arrangements can be made.

Please be aware that school and the Department of Education does not support the practice of children being taken on holidays during the school term. Average pupil attendance at Omagh North Nursery School is 81%.

# CHARGING AND REMISSION POLICY

As we are funded by the Department of Education there is no daily charge to parents for the Nursery Education their child receives. However, we ask for a contribution (currently £100 for the year, payable termly) towards items such as a daily snack, cookery ingredients, extra equipment, parties, entertainment, and their school trips. It is also used to bring visiting puppet shows, musicians and curriculum enriching experiences to our school.

## MEALS

Hot meals are provided for all children in the full time class. Omagh North Nursery's meals are provided by Gibson Meals Kitchen and we have a wide variety of meals, in accordance with the new healthy school meals legislation.

Specific food allergies are also catered for by Gibson's kitchen staff. Currently meals cost £2.50 per day/£12.50 per week which is payable by cash on Monday of each week.

Parents who believe that their children may be entitled to Free School Meals are asked to contact the Education Authority Western Region for further details ~ Tel No: 028 8241 1411.

## UNIFORM

Omagh North Nursery is very proud of their school uniform and all parents are encouraged to see that the school uniform is worn properly.

Boys and girls uniforms consist of:

- Cyan sweatshirt with school logo
- Navy polo shirt with school logo
- Elasticated plain navy bottoms
- Plain black/navy velcro footwear

Uniform can be purchased from:

O'Neills Sportswear  
Dromore Road  
OMAGH

Telephone No: 028 8283 9524

# CURRICULUM COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Should you have any questions or complaints about the school, child safety or the curriculum, you should make direct contact with the school Principal. Usually, discussion with the Principal or class teacher, can resolve most issues quite easily.

Some serious complaints might need to be dealt with by the school's Board of Governors. You can ask the Principal to raise your complaint with the Board of Governors. Complaints will be dealt with in accordance with Article 33 of the Education Reform (N.I.) Order 1989 and regulations as subsequently made by the Department of Education.

If you are not satisfied with the response of the school, you can ask the Northern Ireland Public Service Ombudsman to explore your complaint further.

All school policies, both pastoral and curriculum are available upon request.



# ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

A Selection Advisory Committee consisting of the Principal and three Governors, subject to the final approval of the Board of Governors, will apply the Admissions Criteria.

It is a standard requirement to provide an original Birth Certificate in order to verify the age of the child and two proofs of address for the adult making the application. These will be uploaded onto the EA portal at the time of application.

Children who are not normally resident in Northern Ireland will not be considered for places until all children who live in Northern Ireland have been considered. The Board of Governors have determined that, in the event of there being more applicants than places available the following criteria will be applied, in the order set down, to select children for the available places:

Parents, please note that Omagh North Nursery School **offer full-time places only from September 2024.**

Children already enrolled in 2023-2024 **MUST** reapply for a place in 2024-2025

## 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 9 January 2024 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 26 January 2024 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 26 January 2024 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 2020 and 1 July 2021 (inclusive) and whose parents have not exercised their right to defer their child's entry to primary school; or,
  - on or between 1 April 2020 and 1 July 2020 (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 2025.

**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 pupils satisfying the last criterion which can be applied, (ie 1 – 2), then selection for the remaining places will be on the basis of the following sub-criteria, as applied in the order set down below:

- a. Those families who choose Omagh North Nursery School as their first preference.
- b. Eldest/only child of the family or children who have had a brother(s)/sister(s), half-brother(s)/half-sister(s), step-brother(s)/step-sister(s), fostered/adopted brother(s)/sister(s) who are currently attending Omagh North Nursery – please include name of child and class.
- c. Children who are currently attending Omagh North Nursery School in their penultimate pre-school year (2023/2024) on 5 January 2024.
- d. Eldest/only child of the family or children who have had a brother(s)/sister(s), half-brother(s)/half-sister(s), step-brother(s)/step-sister(s), fostered/adopted brother(s)/sister(s) who previously attended Omagh North Nursery – please include name of child, year attended and class.
- e. Children whose family member is currently a member of the school's staff or governing body (parent/guardian/grandparent).
- f. All other children.

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

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

The order was determined by a randomised selection of letters carried out by the governors of the school at a meeting on 13th October 2023. 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 2 identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames will be used as per the birth certificate.

### 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 2020 - 1 July 2020 (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 2021 and 1 July 2022 (inclusive); or
- on or between 1 April 2021 and 1 July 2021 (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 2026.

### 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.

### Supporting Information

It is important that parent(s)/guardian(s) when submitting the application, give all relevant supporting information and written evidence, which may be needed including the child's birth certificate and 2 proofs of address at the time of application.

All supporting information **MUST** be provided by **4pm on Wednesday 31st January 2024**.

**IF PARENTS HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING THEIR APPLICATION THEY SHOULD CONSULT THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL.**

## 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.

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

Selection for any vacant place that may arise will be made by applying the above criteria, sub-criteria and tie-breaker if required, to children in their final pre-school year.

Penultimate children on our waiting list will only be offered a place in strict chronological order of age.



# WHAT'S NEXT

## What age can I apply to nursery at?

If your child is 3 years old on or before 1st July 2024, you can apply for a preschool full time place when the portal opens in January 2024.

## What if my child is not 3 years old until after 1st July 2024?

You can still make an application through the EANI portal, however, as Omagh North Nursery School only has 52 full time places now and **NO** part time places, your child may not get a place with us. Please make sure to put plenty of other preferences on your form.

## What do I do next?

You will need to create an account on the EANI website admission's portal. Once 12 noon comes on Tuesday 9th January, you can apply for a full time place at Omagh North Nursery School.

When you begin your application be sure to select **OMAGH NORTH NURSERY SCHOOL** as your first preference. You will then be asked to give reasons for your application choice and we would advise you to read the criteria and list in order which criteria your child fits into.

## Do I need to do anything after I submit my application?

If you have not already uploaded your child's birth certificate and any supporting documentation, you **MUST** do this by 4pm on Wednesday 31st January.

## When will I hear the outcome of my application?

If your child is a preschool child (they turn 3 years by 1st July 2024) you will hear the outcome of your application on Thursday 25th April 2024.

## Does my child have a good chance of getting into Omagh North Nursery School?

In the history of the school, we have **never turned anyone away** who selected Omagh North Nursery School as their **1st preference**.

This year as we have only 52 full time places, it is even more important to select Omagh North Nursery School as your first preference to give your child the best possible chance of getting a place with us.

## Do you have any Open Days or Taster Sessions?

Yes we have an Open Day on Friday 5th January between 12 noon and 2 pm. Please contact the office on 02882 246431 to book in. We also offer Taster Sessions in February and March for those who did not attend in November and December Sessions. Mrs McGovern will contact you via e-mail to invite you into these sessions.

# DIARY OF IMPORTANT DATES



Scan this QR Code to book in to attend our Open Day.

**Friday 5th January**

12 noon to 2 pm  
Open Day

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

12 noon

Online applications open for pre-school and penultimate enrolment.

[www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions)

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

12 noon

Closing Date for receipt of applications for pre-school and penultimate enrolment.

**Wednesday 31st January**

4 pm

Closing date for receipt of supporting information including social disadvantage verification, to be uploaded on to EANI Admissions Portal.

**Thursday 25th April**

Families receive posted notification of the outcome of their applications for PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN ONLY.

**Tuesday 11th June**

Families receive posted notification of the outcome of further preferences for PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Families receive posted notification of outcome of their applications for UNDERAGE/PENULTIMATE CHILDREN.

'Helping Hands Workshops' are available on Wednesday afternoons in January between 1.30 pm – 3 00 pm in Omagh North Nursery School, to assist with the completion of online applications.



## CLOSING STATEMENT

I hope you have found the information contained in this book useful. I hope that I have given you a flavour of life at Omagh North Nursery School as well as giving you an insight into the exciting preschool year that lies ahead for your child with us.

Please retain this Prospectus, as you may need to refer to this booklet for your child's pre-school year.

Warmest Wishes  
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