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| Naíscoil Aodha Rua | Voluntary Playgroup |
| 97 Donaghmore Road | No of Funded Places (Part-time): To be determined |
| Dungannon | Session Times: Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 12noon |
| BT70 1HD |  |
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| Person in Charge/Leader: Mrs Carmel Uí Cheallaigh NVQ III | Telephone: 028 8772 6870 |
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**Respective Functions of the Management Committee and Playgroup Leader in relation to admissions.**

The Management Committee devise and agree the admissions criteria and delegate responsibility for applying the criteria to the Playgroup Leader; in conjunction with the Committee Secretary.

Places funded by the Pre-School Education Programme will be allocated to children in their final pre-school year who are resident in North of Ireland at the time of their proposed admission.

**Admissions Criteria**

Funded places will be allocated in the following order:-

1. to children from socially disadvantaged circumstances born between 2 July 2015 and 1 July 2016 (both dates inclusive).

***Note: Children from ‘socially disadvantaged circumstances’ means a child whose parent is in receipt of (i) Income Support, or (ii) Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance, or (iii) an award of Income Support which has been converted into an Employment and Support Allowance and the level of benefit remains the same, or (iv) Universal Credit. When parents apply for places for their child on this basis they must have their Benefit Verification stamped by the Social Security/Jobs and Benefits Office to confirm that they are in receipt of a qualifying payment.  This should then be sent by the parent directly to the provider of first preference.***

2. to other children born between 2 July 2015 and 1 July 2016 (both dates inclusive).

**ADMISSIONS SUB-CRITERIA**

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, children will be selected for admission using the following sub-criteria agreed by the setting’s Management Committee:-

1. To children for whom Irish is the language which is primarily spoken in the family home;
2. To children who have siblings who are currently attending/previously attended an Irish Medium Nursery / Primary setting;
3. To children of current or past staff / committee members at Naíscoil / Gaelscoil Aodha Rua;
4. Remaining places will be allocated on the basis of chronological order with oldest first:-

(i) In the case of two or more children with the same date of birth, final selection will be on the basis of alphabetical order of surname. If two or more children have the same surname the alphabetical order of the forename will be used and if required thereafter subsequent forenames will be used.

Sub-criterion d) will also be used as a deciding factor in the event of oversubscription occurring when sub-criterion a), b) or c) is applied.

**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**

In the event of oversubscription, parents will be invited to register their child’s name on the waiting list. If a place subsequently becomes available, it will be allocated on a ‘first come, first served’ basis, based on the date and time when the request to be placed on the waiting list was received.