

Bangor Abbey Preschool Ltd
Clandeboy Primary School
Clandeboy Road
Bangor
BT20 3JW

Private Not-For Profit Preschool Centre
No of Funded Places (Full-time): To be determined
Session Times: Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 1:30pm
A mid-day meal is available
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Person in Charge/Leader: Nicola Coulter BA(Hons) ECS PGCE

Respective Functions of the Director and Leader in relation to admissions.

The Director draws up the admissions criteria and has overall responsibility for applying the criteria.

Bangor Abbey Pre-school is registered by the Trust for up to 32 children in two classes.

Information Sessions

The Preschool will hold an open for all those parents wishing to apply for a preschool place. Information and dates can be found on our website and Facebook page.

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 10 January 2025 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 24 January 2025 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 24 January 2025 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 2021 and 1 July 2022 (inclusive) and whose parents have not exercised their right to defer their child's entry to primary school; 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,
 - 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 2026.

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

- (a) Children in their preschool year who selected Bangor Abbey Preschool as their first preference
- (b) Children in their preschool year already attending in a fee paying capacity and have selected Bangor Abbey Preschool as their first choice.
- (c) Children with a home address closest to the preschool, the geographical location will be measured by Apple Maps walking distance and have listed this as criteria for us to consider
- (d) A child whose siblings have previously attended Bangor Abbey Preschool in a funded place.
- (e) A child who has selected Bangor Abbey as their second choice
- (f) A child who has selected Bangor Abbey as their third choice
- (g) Children with special educational needs or medical needs where independent supporting evidence is included with original application and have listed this as a criteria for us to consider

Birth certificates continue to be required for all applicants.

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 Criteria 1 and 2) applications.

3. Children who were born:

- on or between 1 April 2021 - 1 July 2021 (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 P1.

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 sub-criteria (e) will be used.

Duty to Verify

The Director 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 Director 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/Admission Policy

Should a vacancy arise after the Open Enrolment Procedure concludes, all applications that were initially refused, new applications and applications where new information has been provided will be treated equally and the above criteria applied.