

## **DE/2026-061– Freedom of Information Request**

### **Request:**

We wish to request the information of how each of the individuals met the criteria set out by the Board of Governors at Rowandale.

Whilst we understand some information is confidential, we wish to request the following for the 30 successful candidates and how many met each of the following criteria: (for the children due to start Sept 2026)

- (i) Children of permanent members of staff at Rowandale Integrated Primary School.
- (ii) Children with brothers and/or sisters or any other child of the family currently enrolled at Rowandale Integrated Primary School.

The definition of “sibling” includes, but is not limited to, half-siblings, stepsiblings, and foster siblings.

- (iii) Children who, at the date of application, are the eldest child in their family eligible for admission to the school

(Note: a second child will not be disadvantaged where the eldest child attends a special school or specialist unit.)

- (iv) Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances

### **Department Response:**

Thank you for your request dated 3 April 2026 seeking information relating to applications for pre-school education places at Rowandale Integrated Primary School Nursery Unit for the 2026/27 academic year; specifically in respect of those children who have been offered a funded pre-school place in the school’s nursery unit and how each child met the criteria as set by the Board of Governors.

I can confirm that the Department does not hold the information you have requested.

Boards of Governors / Management Committees of all pre-school education settings are responsible for determining their own admissions criteria taking into account guidance provided by the Department of Education. They are also wholly responsible for the application of their admissions criteria when considering pre-school applications received. DE plays no role in these processes.

I would therefore suggest that you contact Rowandale Integrated Primary School directly to request the information that you are seeking.