STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2012 No. 239

EDUCATION

Pre-School Education in Schools (Admissions Criteria) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

Made - - - -	*12th June 2012*
Coming into operation	*6th July 2012*

The Department of Education makes the following Regulations, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 32(6) and 90(3) of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(**1**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Pre-School Education in Schools (Admissions Criteria) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 and shall come into operation on 6th July 2012.

Application

2. These Regulations shall apply in relation to the admission of children to part-time and full-time pre-school education at schools commencing with admissions in the school year ending on 31st July 2014.

Amendment of the Pre-School Education in Schools (Admissions Criteria) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

3.—(1) In the Pre-School Education in Schools (Admissions Criteria) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999(**2**), regulation 4 (matters to be included in the criteria) is amended as provided by paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) For paragraph (1)(e) substitute—

"(e) subject to paragraph (2), provision to give priority, in the following order of priority, to—

(i) children from socially disadvantaged circumstances in their final pre-school year; and

(ii) children not falling within sub-paragraph (i) in their final pre-school year;

(**1**) S.I. 1998/1759 (N.I. 13)
(**2**) SR 1999 No. 419