

## Admissions criteria for entry September 2017

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**Controlled Secondary School**

**Age Range of Pupils:** 11-18

**Admissions Number:** 100

**Enrolment Number:** 600

#### OPEN NIGHT

School will be open for visits by parents on Tuesday **10th** January 2017 at 7.00 pm or at other times subject to appointment with the Principal.

#### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO YEAR 8

Article 16 of the 1997 Education Order as amended requires Boards of Governors to provide for all children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to the school to be selected for admission to the school before any child not so resident may be selected for admission.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will **only** take into account information which is detailed on or attached to the application form. Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the application form or attached to it.

#### Respective functions of the Board of Governors and Principal in relation to Admissions to the school

The Board of Governors formulate and review the Admission Criteria while the Principal administers the criteria. The Governors also approve admissions.

#### Criteria

In the event of oversubscription preference will be given in the order 1 to 5 set out below:-

1. Pupils who wish to transfer from traditional feeder primary schools, namely Ampertaine, Bellaghy, Castledawson, Coagh, Culnady, Desertmartin, Duneane, Kilrea, Kilross, Knockloughrim, Maghera, Magherafelt, Moneymore, Portglenone, Randalstown, Tobermore, Spires and Woods.
2. Pupils who already have, or have had, brothers or sisters in attendance at the school.
3. Pupils who are the first or only child in the family.
4. Pupils who have a parent in employment at the school.
5. Date of birth will be used as a tie break with preference being given to the eldest. If two or more children have the same date of birth then distance from home to school with the closest children having preference will be applied. The distance travelled by car using the most direct route from the school to the child's address will be used to determine this. The mileage will be measured to the entrance of the house (front door or gateway) at the nearest point from the public road. If the issue is not resolved by such means then reference will be made to Google Maps to clarify the distance from the school.

**Applicants should note that they may be required to produce documents verifying information pertinent to the school's admission criteria.**

#### ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8 AFTER 1 SEPTEMBER 2017

Parents who wish to have their child considered for admission in the event of a place arising after 1 September 2017 should write to the Principal clearly stating this. In the event of a vacancy arising the above criteria will be applied to these applications only.

#### Number of Applications and Admissions

Year	Admissions No.	Total Applications All Preferences	Total Admissions
2014/15	100	96	96
2015/16	100	70	70
2016/17	100	87	87

This table does not include children who were admitted to the school with a statement of special educational needs.