

PRIORY INTEGRATED COLLEGE

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CONTROLLED INTEGRATED SECONDARY SCHOOL

Age Range: 11-18

Admissions No: 100

Enrolment No: 600

OPEN EVENING INFORMATION

We are having an open evening on the 11th of January 2024. Details will go on our website and Facebook page.

RESPECTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND PRINCIPAL IN RELATION TO ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL

The Board of Governors delegates to the Principal the functions of applying the admissions criteria.

ADMISSIONS

The Board of Governors will seek to reflect in the total number admitted to the College a balance between the two main traditions in Northern Ireland. In order to achieve this, places will be allocated as follows:

Protestant tradition: 40%

Catholic tradition: 40%

Other tradition: 20%

The criteria set out below will be applied both consecutively and separately to each of the above three categories.

If there are fewer applicants than places available in any one category, then the balance of the places will be divided equally between the remaining two categories. Should an odd number of places remain, then the additional place will be allocated to the category which has the greater number of applicants. Should an odd number of places remain, and the number of applications be equal in both categories, then the additional place will be allocated to the category which represents the minority tradition on roll, in the College, at any time of the Admissions procedure. If there are fewer applicants than places in two categories, then both balances of places will be allocated to the remaining category.

The religious affiliation of a pupil will be determined by the religious affiliation noted on or attached/uploaded to the online Transfer Application. If this information is not provided on the Transfer Application the religious affiliation will be determined by the category of primary school which the pupil attends i.e. Controlled or Maintained. The Board of Governors reserves the right to verify religious affiliation as recorded in the Primary School Information Management.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Please note: 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 Transfer Application. Parents / carers should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the Transfer Application. Examples of such information include whether the child, at the date of application, has or has had within the last 5 years, a child of the family enrolled in the college.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria, punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 30 January 2024 at 12 noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 22 February 2024 at 12 noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12 noon (GMT) on 22 February 2024 and up to 4pm on 4 March 2024 will be treated as a late application.

In the event of there being more applications than there are places available the following criteria will be applied in the order set down:

1. Applicants who, at the date of application, have or have had within the last 5 years, a child of the family enrolled in the college.
2. Applicants who, at the date of application, are the eldest child or only child of the family eligible to apply for admission to the college, or in the case of a family recently arrived in Northern Ireland, the first to reach transfer age since arrival.
3. Applicants who are transferring from an Integrated primary school.
4. Applicants who are transferring from the following primary schools: Holywood PS, Knocknagoney PS, Rudolf Steiner, Rockport, St. Patrick's PS, Holywood and Sullivan Preparatory School.
5. Applicants from a mixed relationship which we define as one parent/partner/carer being Catholic and the other partner being Protestant or one partner being of any other religion outside the main traditions in Northern Ireland.
6. Applicants from primary schools with a tradition of transferring pupils to Priory Integrated College:

Abbey PS	Crawfordsburn PS	Leadhill PS	St Michael's PS, Belfast BT6
Ballyholme PS	Cregagh PS	Londonderry PS	Strandtown PS
Ballymagee PS	Dundonald PS	Nettlefield PS	Towerview PS
Ballyvester PS	Elmgrove PS	Newtownards Model PS	Victoria Park PS, Belfast BT4
Belvoir PS	Euston Street PS	Rathmore PS	Victoria PS, Newtownards
Bloomfield Road PS	Gilnihirk PS	Regent Prep	West Winds PS
Branial PS	Grange Park PS	Rosetta PS	
Brooklands PS	Kilcooley PS	St Comgall's PS	
Cairnshill PS	Kilmaine PS	St Finian's PS	
Castle Gardens PS	Knockbreda PS	St Joseph's PS, Belfast BT5	
Clandeboyne PS	Knocknagoney PS	St Malachy's PS Bangor	

7. Tie-breaker criteria. By random selection of letters children will be selected for admission on the basis of initial letter(s) of surname (as entered on birth certificate) in the order set out below:

S P E O R D Z M c B U W K C F M Y N H T M a c U Q A J L I G X

The order was determined by a randomised selection of the letters and will change each year.

In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames will be used.

APPLYING CRITERIA

In the event that there are fewer applicants complying with a particular criterion than there are places available or remaining, those applicants complying with that criterion will be admitted and the next criterion will be applied to the remaining applicants.

In the event that there are more applicants complying with a particular criterion than there are places available or remaining, those applicants complying with that criterion will go forward to be considered under the next criterion and those not complying with that criterion will be eliminated.

DUTY TO VERIFY

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information on any Transfer Application.

Please note that provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by the school can result in the withdrawal of a place on the part of any school nominated on the applicant's Transfer Application.

WAITING LIST POLICY

The College maintains a Waiting List for applicants in all year groups.

- Applications received after schools have been allocated to pupils will be placed, in order of receipt, at the end of the waiting list of those children not selected during the admissions process.
- For all year groups other than Year 8, if a place becomes available this will immediately be filled by the pupil who is top of the waiting list as determined through application of our normal admissions criteria.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications <i>i.e. All preferences</i>	Total Admissions
2021/22	100	171	100
2022/23	100	218	122*
2023/24	100	173	100

*In 2022/23 the Department of Education approved a temporary variation of the college's admission number from 100 to 122.

The College's criteria for admission to Years 9 onwards

The College admits pupils from Year 9 onwards using religious affiliation plus the same admissions criteria as is used for admission into Year 8.