

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

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Chair of Board of Governors: Mrs Pauline Leeson

Maintained School
Co-educational All-Ability

Age Range: 11-18

Admission No: 150

Enrolment No: 825

OPEN NIGHT – THURSDAY, 19TH JANUARY 2023.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS – 7pm sharp

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

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to an Admissions Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal, the responsibility for applying these criteria. Any reference herein to the term the Board of Governors includes any Committee or Sub-Committee appointed by the Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the Admission criteria set out herein.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8

St Joseph's College accepts those pupils whose parents demonstrate confidence in the College and who support the ethos of this Catholic school.

In the event of a number of applications exceeding the College's admission number, the Board of Governors will apply the following criteria in the order stated below:

1. Applicants enrolled in the following Primary Schools in the Parishes of;
Drumbo & Carryduff (St Joseph's PS, St Ita's PS),
Holy Rosary (Holy Rosary PS, St Michael's PS),
St Bernadette's (St Bernard's PS),
St Brigid's (St Bride's PS),
St Colmcille's (St Joseph's PS),
St Malachy's (St Malachy's PS) and
St Matthew's (St Matthew's PS).
2. Applicants who have a sister or a brother already enrolled in the school.
3. Applicants who are the eldest child in their family. To verify this fact, a letter from a member of the Clergy, Solicitor, or Public Servant such as a Health or Education professional directly involved with the family must be provided.
4. Pupils who are deemed by the Board of Governors, on the basis of the supporting evidence from parents and/or medical personnel and/or statutory agencies and/or other sources, to have special circumstances e.g. medical, social, pastoral or other. All supporting evidence must be submitted with the Transfer Application. Parents/Guardians should note that not every special circumstances applicant will be automatically deemed by the Board of Governors to have special circumstances.
5. Applicants whose Transfer Application expresses a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, etc. preference for St Joseph's College, with admission being granted in that order, after the above criteria have been applied.
6. Final placement will be determined on distance by foot from home to College as measured using maps.google.co.uk.

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 applicant's Transfer Application.

If the requested evidence is not provided to the Board of Governors 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 POLICY

The criteria relating to the initial admission of pupils into Year 8 before the commencement of the 2023 school year will also be used for entry in Year 8 should admissions become possible after the commencement of the 2023 school year.

Applications and Admissions

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications <i>i.e.</i> <i>All preferences</i>	Total Admissions
2020/21	150	158	150
2021/22	150	175	150
2022/23	150	184	150

ADMISSIONS TO YEARS 9 ONWARDS

All applications for admission to Year 9 onwards will be treated equally and the published criteria above will be applied.

ADMISSIONS TO POST 16

If oversubscribed, priority to Post 16 will be given to Year 12 pupils in attendance at the College. The criteria relating to the initial admission of pupils into Year 8 before the commencement of the 2023 school year will also be used for entry into Post 16 thereafter.