Admissions criteria for entry September 2022

Omagh Integrated Primary School 72 Crevenagh Road Omagh

Enrolment No: 385

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Respective functions of the Board of Governors and Principal in relation to admissions.

The Board of Governors, subject to its final approval, has delegated to an Admissions and Enrolment Sub-Committee, the task of implementing the below criteria and thereby selecting pupils for admission. The Committee consists of at least three Governors and the Principal. Decisions of the Sub-Committee are subject to ratification by the full Board of Governors.

In the event of the number of applications for places in the school being greater than the Department of Education Admissions Number, then the Board of Governors will apply the following criteria in the order set down. Priority shall be given to children resident in Northern Ireland.

OPEN DAY – (visit www.omaghintegratedps.com or follow the school on Facebook for details about arranging a visit to the school)

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA - YEAR 1

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria <u>punctual applications</u> will be considered before <u>late applications</u> are considered. The application procedure **opens on 10 January 2022 at 12noon** (GMT) and an application submitted by the **closing date of 28 January 2022 at 12noon** (GMT) will be treated as a <u>punctual application</u>. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 28 January 2022 will be treated as a <u>late application</u>.

In applying the Admission Criteria the Board of Governors will require information on the religious affiliation of all applicants in order to place each applicant in the appropriate category (Protestant, Catholic or Other/None). When you apply online you will be prompted and must provide this information. A Data Collection Form, which can be obtained from the school office, or school website, MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SCHOOL, ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE. The religious affiliation of all applicants (Protestant, Catholic or Other/None) must be included with their application. The Data Collection Form and original Birth Certificate MUST be provided to the school on or before 12 noon 4th February 2022.

Applicants who fail to provide this information will be added to the "Other/None" category and the criteria applied accordingly.

If any or all of the categories are over-subscribed then the following criteria will be applied to each category as set out in the order below:

- 1 Children of compulsory school age transferring from the school's Nursery Unit or Pre School Facility.
- 2 Children of compulsory school age who have a sibling (including a half-sister/brother, foster brother/sister living at the same address) enrolled in the school during the current school year.
- 3 Children of compulsory school age who applied as first preference to Omagh Integrated Nursery School in the previous school year, and were unable to secure a place. (Please supply this information on your application form.)
- 4 Children transferring from one of the other NICIE affiliated integrated primary schools, their nursery units or pre-school playgroups.
- 5 Other children of compulsory school age.

In the event of over-subscription at any stage above, selection will be determined on the basis of the child's date of birth enrolling the oldest children first. In the event of two or more identical dates of birth, selection will be determined by a randomised selection of letters as outlined below.

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In the event of surnames as per the birth certificate beginning with the same letter the subsequent letters of the surnames will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames as per the birth certificate will be used.

Priority will be given in the application of each of the above criteria, to children regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of written or other supportive evidence supplied by the parents or statutory or other agencies at the time of application, as having special circumstances for being enrolled in the school.

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 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 Admissions Sub-Committee will apply the listed criteria to all applicants and establish a waiting list in the order of eligibility. In the event of a place becoming available the most eligible on the waiting list will be contacted. This procedure will be followed until all spaces are filled.

YEAR 1 ADMISSIONS - AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

If a place or places become available after 1 September 2022 and there are more eligible applicants than places available, then the school's Year 1 Admissions Criteria will be applied to those pupils seeking admission at the time when the place or places become available.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA – YEARS 2-7

The Board of Governors shall not cause or permit the number of registered pupils in the school to exceed the current year's enrolment number as determined by the Department of Education.

The Board of Governors will take steps to maintain a reasonable balance between Catholic and Protestant pupils within the school as outlined in the statement of principles of NICIE – Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education.

When making an application, parents must clearly demonstrate their support for the aims and objectives of our integrated school, its integrated ethos, disciplinary procedures and practices and their commitment to close parental involvement in the education of their child.

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down to all pupils seeking admission to Years 2 to Years 7.

- A pupil will be considered for enrolment provided that we do not exceed the school's enrolment number.
- A pupil will be considered for enrolment provided that, in the opinion of the Board of Governors, her/his admission would not prejudice the efficient use of the physical, material or human resources within the school.

If, at the time of the consideration of the application, there are more eligible applicants than places available, then the school's Year 1 Admissions Criteria will be applied.

Applications and Admissions to Primary 1		
Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2019-2020	37	37
2020-2021	30	30
2021-2022	53	53