

St Patrick's Primary School
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Maintained Primary School

Enrolment Number: 483
Admissions Number: 69

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

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to the Principal, the responsibility for applying these criteria. Any reference herein to the term the Board of Governors includes the Principal appointed by the Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the admissions criteria.

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 7 January 2021 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 29 January 2021 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 29 January 2021 will be treated as a late application.

PRIMARY ONE

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down by the Board of Governors of St Patrick's in selecting P1 children for admission. Throughout the admissions criteria below, the wording "brothers/sisters" and "sons/daughters" includes half, step, foster and adopted children. **All applicants must be of compulsory school age upon date of admission, i.e. any child who reaches his/her fourth birthday on or before 1 July 2021.**

1. Children who have attended St Patrick's Nursery School.
2. Children with a sibling attending St Patrick's Primary School during the 2020/2021 school year.
3. Children whose parents/guardians have listed St Patrick's Primary School as their first preference.
4. First child in the family.

In the event of over-subscription within any of the above criteria the following sub-criteria will be applied in the order indicated:-

- A children regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of evidence submitted by parents and/or statutory agencies, as having special circumstances (medical, social or security factors) and necessitate admission to St Patrick's rather than any other primary school.
- B children for whom the school is the Catholic Maintained Primary School nearest to their home measured 'as the crow flies' using Google Maps UK.
- C any other children.

Parents should note that they will be required to produce two documents verifying their address and an original Birth Certificate, upon completion of the online application, to their first provider.

In the event of over subscription in any one of the criteria, taken in order, final selection will be on the basis of closeness of the home to the school, using the child's address at the date of application, measured 'as the crow flies' using Google Maps 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 application.

Two proofs of residence must be supplied before 12 noon on Friday 05 February 2021. These may include household bills, letters from companies, appointment letters but NOT driver's licenses or passports. Original birth certificates must also be supplied (no copies accepted). If the child has already attended St Patrick's Nursery Unit a birth certificate is not needed, but the two proofs of residence must be supplied.

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

Should a vacancy arise, all applications for admission to Primary One that were initially refused, i.e. new applications, late applications and applications where new or late information has been provided, will be treated equally and the published criteria applied. The waiting list will be in place until the end of the academic year.

Our waiting list policy can be accessed on our website www.stpatricksthemeadow.com

PRIMARY TWO - PRIMARY SEVEN

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down below to all children seeking admission to P2 to P7. However, the school cannot cause or permit the number of registered pupils to exceed the school's enrolment number as determined by the Department of Education.

1. Children for whom the school is the Catholic Maintained Primary School nearest to their home, measured 'as the crow flies' using Google Maps UK.
2. Children for whom their admission would not, in the Board of Governors' opinion, prejudice the efficient use of the school's resources.
3. Children will be accepted in order of application.
4. If, at the time of consideration of the application, there are more eligible applicants than places in a particular year group, then the admission criteria used for Primary 1 will be applied to select pupils to the available places. Final selection will be on the basis of closeness of the home to the school, using the child's address at the date of application, measured 'as the crow flies' using Google Maps UK.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY 1		
Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2018/2019	57	57
2019/2020	55	55
2020/2021	66	66