

St Patrick's Primary School (Derrynaseer)
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Maintained Primary School

Enrolment Number: 173
Admissions Number: 25

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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 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 Sub-Committee appointed by the Board of Governors for the purpose of applying the admissions criteria set out herein.

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 2026 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 21 January 2026 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 21 January 2026 and up to 4 pm on 26 January 2026 will be treated as a late application, this is also the last date and time for processing a change of preference in exceptional circumstances. After 4 pm on 26 January 2026 no applications will be processed until after the close of procedure on 23 March 2026.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE

Any child who reaches their 4th Birthday on or before 1st July 2026 is of Compulsory School Age. Under the School Age (NI) Act which became law in Northern Ireland in April 2022, 'compulsory school age' also includes those children who deferred commencing Primary 1 in September 2025 as defined by the new School Age (NI) Act (both groups to be treated equally).

Priority will be given to children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to the school before those who are not so resident.

The Board of Governors will apply the following criteria in the order indicated to identify which children should be admitted either at initial admission to education or on transfer from another school

- 1 Children who normally reside in the parish of Aghagallon and Ballinderry. Please note, a clearly defined map of the Parish Aghagallon and Ballinderry is available from the school office on request.
- 2 Children who will have brothers or sisters in attendance during the 2025/2026 school year.
- 3 Children for whom the school is the Catholic Maintained primary school nearest to their home as measured by the shortest distance on Google Maps, as the crow flies.
- 4 Children with special circumstances (social, medical or security). The special circumstances must be made known at the time of application. The Board of Governors reserves the right to seek confirmation of the special circumstances from a statutory body.
- 5 The remaining places will be allocated on the basis of the proximity of the child's home to the school as measured by the shortest distance on Google Maps, as the crow flies. Priority will be given to those living nearest to the school. [This criterion will also be used to discriminate within any oversubscribed criterion (except criterion 1)].

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 school does not operate a Waiting List Policy.

ADMISSION TO P2-P7

The Board of Governors will comply with the preference expressed by a parent for admission of a child to years 2-7 if the school's enrolment number has not been reached, unless to do so would prejudice the efficient use of resources.

APPLICATIONS & ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY 1

Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2023/2024	17	17
2024/2025	18	18
*2025/2026	23	23

**The Total Admissions for year 2025/2026 includes all P1 children admitted to the school including those who have a statement of special educational needs and/or may be attending SPiMS.*

(SPiMS = Specialist Provision in Mainstream School)