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**RESPECTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND PRINCIPAL IN RELATIONS TO ADMISSIONS**

The determination and approval for all admissions is the responsibility of the Board of Governors.

When selecting which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed on the application form or provided directly to the school. Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school’s admission’s criteria is stated on the application or provided directly to the school.

# ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2022/2023

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications 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 punctual application.   An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 28 January 2022 will be treated as a late application.

Children who are not of compulsory school age will only be selected for admission after all children of compulsory school age have been allocated a place.

The current policy is to admit into the P1 class on the first day of the Autumn term those children who have reached compulsory school age, i.e. those children whose 4th birthday falls on or before 1 July 2022. Applications to have children enrolled at other times during the year will also be given consideration. The same criteria will be used on deciding in admission of such pupils. Reception children who reach their 4th birthday between 2 July 2022 and 30 June 2023 (inclusive) will be admitted on, or shortly after, the day of their 4th birthday. Reception children will attend school to dinner time only, i.e. 12.30 pm.

Parents considering sending their children to St Eugene’s PS, Victoria Bridge are invited to contact the school via telephone to arrange a private visit in line with Covid-19 procedures.

# ADMISSIONS CRITERIA – YEAR 1/RECEPTION

The Board of Governors will apply the following criteria in the event of there being more applicants than places available, in the order set down. Priority will be given at all times to pupils regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of supporting evidence by parents/guardians and/or statutory agencies, as having special circumstances (medical, social, security factors). Priority shall be given to children resident in Northern Ireland.

1. Children of compulsory school age whose brothers/sisters, half-brothers/half-sisters are presently enrolled in the school.
2. Children of compulsory school age who normally reside in the Parishes of Camus, Ardstraw East and Sion Mills.
3. Children of compulsory school age from other areas.

In the event of over-subscription in any one of the criteria, taken in order, pupils will be selected on the basis of proximity of parents'/guardians' home to the school as measured by the shortest walking route by public thoroughfare.

**Admission of Children Below Compulsory Age if surplus places available**

Children age 4, but who have not attained the lower limit of compulsory school age.

In the event that there are more applicants satisfying the above criteria than there are places available then the following criteria will be applied in the order set down: -

1. Children whose brothers/sisters, half-brothers/half-sisters are presently enrolled in the school.
2. Children who normally reside in the Parishes of Camus, Ardstraw East and Sion Mills.

In the event that there are more applicants for the last Sub-Criteria than can be met then the final selection will be on the basis of the chronological order of the age of the applicant. Applicants should note that the Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as may determine to support or verify information on any form. Provision of false of incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by Primary Schools can result in the withdrawal of a place.

# YEAR 1 ADMISSIONS – AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Children who apply to enter the school during the academic year will be considered using the same criteria as for Year 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**

Should a vacancy arise after placement letters have been issued, all applications for admission to Primary 1 that were initially refused, new applications, late applications and applications where new information has been provided will be treated equally and the published criteria applied. This waiting list will be in place until the end of the academic year. The school will contact parents in writing if a child gains a place in the school by this method. A child’s name will be automatically added to the list. Parents should contact the school if they wish for their child to be removed from the list.

# ADMISSIONS CRITERIA – YEARS 2-7

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down 1-2.

1. A pupil will be considered for enrolment provided that the school will not exceed its enrolment number as determined by the Department of Education.
2. A pupil may be accepted provided that in the opinion of the Board of Governors, its admission would not prejudice the efficient use of the school's resources.

Pupils will be accepted in order of application. If over-subscribed on this criterion, children will be selected on the basis of the following Sub-Criteria applied in the order set down:

* 1. P2 children before P3, P3 before P4, etc;
  2. shortest walking distance between home and school

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| **Applications and Admissions to Primary 1** | | |
| **Year** | **Total Applications** | **Total Admissions** |
| **2019/2020** | **4** | **6** |
| **2020/2021** | **11** | **8** |
| **2021/2022** | **14** | **9** |