

St Brigid's PS Admissions Criteria
P1 intake

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down 1-3 by the Board of Governors of St Brigid's Primary School in selecting children for admission to P1 in September 2016. Within each of the following criteria special consideration may be given to pupils regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of supporting evidence by parents and/or statutory agencies, as having special circumstances.

- 1 Children of compulsory school age who have brother(s)/sister(s)/half-brother(s)/sister(s) enrolled at the school on the date of their own enrolment.
- 2 Children of compulsory school age whose parent(s)/guardian(s) is presently a permanent member of the school teaching/ancillary/auxiliary staff
- 3 Children of compulsory school age who reside in the parish of Downpatrick

In the event of over-subscription, in any one of the criteria taken in order, the following sub-criteria will be applied **in the order set down**. If over-subscribed in any one of the sub-criteria, taken in order, final selection will be on the basis of the closeness of the home to the school as measured by the nearest acceptable walking route.

- (a) Children who are the eldest/only child in their family
- (b) Children whose brother(s)/sister(s)/half-brother(s)/sister(s) are prior pupils of the school
- (c) Children whose parent(s)/guardian(s) are prior pupils of the school
- (d) Children who have attended Rathkeltair Cross Community Playgroup
- (d) Children of compulsory school age from other areas

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information on any application form.

It should be noted that it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that any relevant information regarding criteria, is included on the Application Form or attached to that form.

Waiting List Policy for St Brigid's Primary School

This policy has been put in place to ensure clarity and transparency on the admission of pupils to St Brigid's Primary School. It applies to all pupils who do not gain admission to the school through the normal procedure.

Should a vacancy arise after the issue of initial letters of offer, all applications for admission to Year 1 which 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 remain in place until 30th June 2016.

The school will contact you if your child is offered a place by this method. Your child's name will be automatically added to the list. Please contact the school if you wish your child's name to be removed from the list.

If after the 30th June 2016, parents still wish their child to gain a place in St Brigid's and there are no vacancies, they may apply to the school to have their child's name entered on a further waiting list. Should a vacancy then arise the admissions criteria shall be applied. This further waiting list shall be maintained until the commencement of the official enrolment process for the following year.

DE Circular 2012/10 provides Guidance.