

Phoenix Integrated Primary School
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Grant Maintained Integrated

Enrolment Number: 203

Admissions Number: 29

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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 responsibility for applying the admissions criteria to an Admission Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal. 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.

Integrated Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2022

The Board of Governors of Phoenix Integrated welcome the introduction of the Integrated Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 and look forward to its implementation. We note the definition of an Integrated School as outlined in the Act and believe our criteria will allow us to successfully meet this definition.

Phoenix IPS is a grant maintained integrated school intentionally supports, protects, and advances an ethos of diversity, respect and understanding between those of different cultures and religious beliefs and of none, between those of different socio-economic backgrounds and between those of different abilities.

Rationale (Primary)

Our Admission Criteria reflect the integrated nature of the Nursery and its links to the Integrated Primary School. It is committed to educating Protestant and Catholic children together and strives to maintain a balanced enrolment, with a minimum of 40% from the Roman Catholic tradition, and 40% from the Protestant tradition and 20% from those who identify as OTHER in accordance with the Statement of Principles of the Council for Integrated Education (NI).

In setting the admissions criteria the board of governors have given due consideration The School Age (NI) Act 2022.

The Board of Governors will seek to reflect in the total number admitted to the school a balance between the two main traditions in Northern Ireland such that at least 40% of the pupils entering P1 are of Catholic tradition and at least 40% are of the Protestant tradition in accordance with the Statement of Principles of the Council for Integrated Education (NI). To achieve this, places will be allocated as follows:

- 1 Protestant tradition 40%
- 2 Catholic tradition 40%
- 3 Other: to a maximum of 20%

The criteria set out below will be applied to each of the above categories separately. If there are fewer applications than places available in any one category, then the balance of places will be divided equally between the remaining two categories. Should an odd number of places remain then the additional place will be allocated to the category which has the greater number of applicants. If there are fewer applicants than places in two categories, then both balances will be awarded to the remaining category.

The religious affiliation of a student will be decided by Information supplied to the school by the applicants parents(s) should be provided via the ONLINE admissions procedure, OR the category of primary school which the child previously attended where the child has previously attended a Primary School.

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Parents applying using a paper application must include their Religious Affiliation on the form. This information must be sent directly to our school by 12 noon on 31 February 2023.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

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 2023 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 27 January 2023 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 27 January 2023 and up to 4 pm on 31 January 2023 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 31 January 2023 no applications will be processed until after the close of procedure on 27 April 2023.

Priority will be given to children who will have attained compulsory school age at the time of their proposed admission, including those children whose parents deferred their admission to primary school in September 2022 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.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only consider information which is detailed on the application or provided directly to the school. Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admission criteria is stated on the ONLINE application or provided to the school.

If there are more applicants than places available in any of the three categories described, the Board of Governors has determined that the following criteria shall be applied to the applicants in that category. The criteria, as set out below, will be applied progressively until the last available place in that category has been allocated.

1. Children who have a brother/half brother or sister/half-sister including those fostered or adopted or children living under a residency order in a family where other children of the family are currently attending the school. (Clearly state name and class)
2. Children attending Phoenix Integrated Nursery Unit.
3. Children who are siblings of pupils formerly enrolled at the school. (Clearly state name and class)
4. Children who, at the date of their application, are the eldest child in their family eligible for admission. Twins will both be treated as the eldest child.
5. Remaining places will be allocated for admission based on initial letter of surname in the order set out below which was determined by a randomised selection of letters of the alphabet.

E L Z W N T J U F I S Q D B R C G H X V A M K O P Y

In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial 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 will be used. The surname selected will be "as per birth certificate". In the event of a double-barrelled surname the first surname will be used for purposes of selection.

DUTY TO VERIFY

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

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To enable the Board of Governors to verify addresses, applicants may be requested to provide two accepted documents (a list of accepted documents will be provided to the applicant, should this be necessary).

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 27 April 2023, all applications for admission to Primary One 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 30 June 2023. The school will contact you in writing if a child gains a place in the school by this method.

ADMISSION TO P2 – P7

- 1 A pupil will be considered for enrolment provided that the school will not exceed its enrolment number determined by the Department of Education.
- 2 And in the opinion of the Board of Governors their admission would not prejudice the efficient use of school resources.

Applications and Admissions to Primary 1		
Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2020/2021	30	30
2021/2022	32	30
2022/2023	32	29