

Gaelscoil na mBeann
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Maintained Primary School

Enrolment Number: 87
Admission Number: 15

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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 purposes 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 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.

A committee of the Board of Governors will apply the following criteria to identify which children should be admitted either at initial admission to education or on transfer from another school.

1. Pupils must be of a statutory age in order to be considered for a place in Gaelscoil na mBeann.
2. A child with a sibling already or previously in attendance at the Gaelscoil will be given first priority where appropriate.
3. A child who has attended an Irish language Naíscóil or who is being raised through the medium of Irish at home will be given second priority.
4. A child for whom the school is the Gaelic-Medium Primary School nearest to their home.
5. Applicants who are a Looked After Child (LAC)
6. A child with special circumstances (social/medical/ security). The special circumstances must be known at the time of application. The Board of Governors reserves the right to seek the confirmation of the special circumstances from a statutory body.
7. The remaining places will be allocated on a basis of proximity of the child's home to the school and children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to the school before those who are not so resident. (The criterion will be used to discriminate within any oversubscribed criterion.)

In the event of over subscription within a criterion, children will be determined by the proximity of the child's home to Gaelscoil na mBeann. Priority will be given to those living nearest to Gaelscoil na mBeann, measured by walking distance. The child's home will be deemed to be his/her parental address, that of his/her guardian, or if in care, then the address of the foster parents or social services accommodation.

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 applicant's Transfer Application/Application Form.

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

Gaelscoil na mBeann does not operate a Waiting List Policy.

ADMISSION TO P2-P7

Other pupils from P2-P7 will be admitted providing their admission is not prejudicial to the efficient use of resources, or the school's enrolment number is not exceeded.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY 1		
Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2019/2020	14	14
2020/2021	14	12
2021/2022	15	15