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Maintained Primary School

Enrolment Number: 320
Admissions Number: 46

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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 the Principal, the responsibility for applying these criteria. Any reference herein to the term the Board of Governors includes the Principal appointed by the Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the admissions criteria.

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 2025 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 24 January 2025 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 24 January 2025 and up to 4 pm on 29 January 2025 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 29 January 2025 no applications will be processed until after the close of procedure on 9 April 2025.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE

Any child who reaches their 4th birthday on or before 1st July 2025 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 2024 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 following criteria will be used by the Principal in deciding which children should be admitted either at initial admission to education (P1) or on transfer from another school.

1. Children whose applications nominate Edendork P.S. as their first preference school at the time of application.
2. Children who will have brothers and sisters in attendance during 2024/2025 school year.
3. The eldest child in the family.
4. Children whose brothers and sisters/half-brothers/half-sisters previously attended the school.
5. Children for whom the school is the Catholic Maintained primary school nearest to their home.
6. The remaining places will be allocated on the basis of the proximity of the child's home to the school as measured by Google Maps UK Measure Distance Tool. If the final places to be allocated have identical measurements as identified by Google Maps UK Measure Tool selection will be on the basis of alphabetical order of surname, then forename, then middle name.

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. This may include verification of the eldest child through a letter from a preschool provider, general practitioner, priest, or solicitor. 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

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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's policy on the consideration of applications to primary one after the open enrolment admissions procedure concludes is detailed below:

Should a vacancy arise after this date all applications for admission to the school 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 you in writing if your child gains a place in the school 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.

ADMISSION TO P2 – P7

Pupils will be considered for enrolment provided that: -

- i the school does not exceed its enrolment number as determined by the Department of Education and/or
- ii in the opinion of the Board of Governors their admission would not prejudice the efficient use of the school's resources.

Applications and Admissions to Primary 1		
Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2022/2023	47	47
2023/2024	38	38
2024/2025	45	43