

BUSHMILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Controlled Primary School

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Admission No: 30

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RESPECTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND PRINCIPAL IN RELATION TO ADMISSIONS

The Board of Governors will decide upon the criteria to be applied if the school is over-subscribed and will apply these criteria to the applications.

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.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA TO BE USED IN THE EVENT OF THE SCHOOL BEING OVERSUBSCRIBED. THE CRITERIA ARE LISTED IN ORDER OF PRIORITY.

1. Children who have siblings currently attending the school
2. Eldest/only child in the family
3. Children whose parent or parents work in the school
4. The child whose home is closest to Bushmills Primary school as measured by public road using Google Maps

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only take into account 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 admissions criteria is stated on the application or provided directly to the school.

YEAR 1 ADMISSIONS – AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Where applications are received after the Open Enrolment Admissions procedure concludes on 9 April 2025 the following criteria will be applied in the order indicated:

1. Children who have siblings attending Bushmills Primary School
2. Children who are:
 - The only child in the family
 - The eldest child in the family

Admissions criteria for entry September 2025

3. Children whose parent's home is closest to the school as measured by the public road using Google Maps.

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.

It should be noted that the provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by primary schools can result in the withdrawal of a place and the inability to offer a place on the part of any school nominated on the applicant's application.

WAITING LIST POLICY

The school does not operate a Waiting List Policy

ADMISSIONS TO P2-P7

Pupils will be admitted to P2-P7 provided their admission does not lead to the enrolment number being exceeded. The same admissions criteria will be applied as for admission to P1.

Applications and Admissions to Primary 1		
Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2022/2023	13	13
2023/2024	9	9
2024/2025	11	11