

Foreword

Dear Parent

Your child has reached a critical stage in development and is about to take one of the most important steps in life, a step which will undoubtedly affect his/her whole future. In a short time your child will commence primary education and it is essential that he/she is enrolled in the school which will be most suitable to your child's needs.

You have the right to state which school you would like your child to attend and to apply for admission to that school. This booklet has been prepared to help you do that and I ask you to read it carefully.

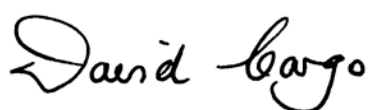
The booklet tells you what you must do and how to do it. It explains your rights and obligations, describes each of the primary schools within the Belfast board's area and details their admissions criteria. All are good schools but each is unique and you may feel that your child's needs may be better met by some schools than by others.

Also included in this booklet are details of the admissions criteria for preparatory schools in the Belfast area. This is for information only as these schools operate independently from the statutory open enrolment procedures.

I hope you will find all the information you need within the booklet. If, however, you wish to know more about any school, please do not hesitate to contact the principal who will be most willing to help you. The board's transfer/open enrolment officer (telephone 028 90564080/90564284) will also be available to give you any further assistance you might require.

I am sure that within the great range of excellent primary schools in my board's area you will find the one which will satisfy the aspirations which you undoubtedly have for your child. I wish your child every success during his/her years in primary school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Cargo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing 'D' and 'C'.

David Cargo
Chief Executive

From the Department of Education to all prospective applicants

Dear Applicant

You may or may not be aware of the purported issue of “grannyng” – a practice in which those applying to schools enter false or incorrect addresses in the process of school admissions in order to advantage their application in the process. This issue, the subject of a 2007 Judicial Review, has demonstrated the importance of ensuring that information at the heart of the school admissions process – not just residential but also concerning the age of children and their familial links to schools – is correct and accurate and that the process, above all, is fair.

The Department of Education has issued guidance to schools and pre-schools on their “duty to verify” important information contained within applications for admission. For this reason, for admissions into the 2012/13 school year many primary schools will request, towards the end of the admissions process (April/May 2012), that applicants provide documents verifying information contained within their applications: in most cases this will be requests for documents verifying address/child-age. Alternatively some schools may ask for verifying documents to be attached to the application form and you should study carefully the admissions criteria of any school that you are listing as a preference to determine if this is the case. The precise details of later requests will be determined and communicated by individual schools when the time comes. In making their applications, applicants should consider that the information they provide on their application form (particularly information relating to their address) will, in the future, need to be verified if it is to determine the success of their application.

If, following your application, you receive such a request from a school, please consider it carefully and ensure you comply with it. Please note:

- Primary schools have been advised that if at any point they discover the presence of false, inaccurate or incorrect information within applications, they will be required under their obligations as statutory admissions authority to take action to ensure that their admissions criteria are correctly applied;

- For this reason 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 application form.

Please note that the rules governing eligibility for transport assistance may alter during your child's time at any particular school and this should be taken into consideration when choosing schools to list as preferences on the application form.

The admissions and transfer systems work because the vast majority of applicants operate in good faith and represent themselves fairly and accurately. We look forward to your co-operation in ensuring that this continues.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PLEASE NOTE

This book contains references to the Education and Library Boards (ELBs) and the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS). During the course of this coming academic year it is planned that the ELBs and CCMS will be dissolved and their functions transfer to the new Education and Skills Authority (ESA). Therefore all references in this book to the ELBs and CCMS should be interpreted as applying to ESA when it comes into operation.

NOTES FOR PARENTS

1 INTRODUCTION

The Education (NI) Order 1997 gives you, as a parent the right to express a preference as to the primary school which you wish your child to attend.

All parents are required to submit an application form for the admission of their child to a primary school in accordance with the arrangements set out below.

This booklet describes the arrangements which this Board has made to enable you to state your preferences and to seek a place for your child in your preferred schools.

2 CHILDREN TO WHOM THE ARRANGEMENTS APPLY

If your child falls into any of the following groups the regulations apply to him/her and you must follow the procedure set out below.

- (a) all children born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 - such children must begin their primary education from 1 September 2012 because by that date they will have reached COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE.
- (b) any child born on or between 2 July 2008 and 31 August 2008 (i.e. an UNDERAGE CHILD) whose parents wish him/her to be considered for a place in a primary school from 1 September 2012 - parents should check with the principal of their primary school concerned to ensure that an application for an underage child can be considered. It should be noted not all schools have a policy of reception provision and in such cases where this provision exists, children of compulsory school age must be given priority. Parents of children in this category may wish to apply for a nursery place through the pre-school procedure.
- (c) all children who are now enrolled in P3 of an infant school and who must transfer to junior school at 1 September 2012 - must complete an internal application form so that such children can be considered for placement in a junior or primary school of the parents' preference.
- (d) priority will be given to children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission.

3 CHILDREN TO WHOM THESE ARRANGEMENTS DO NOT APPLY

- (a) If your child is at present enrolled in the reception class of a primary school you do not need to apply for a place in primary 1 of that school.
- (b) If you wish your child to attend the preparatory department of a grammar school you must apply for admission directly to that school.

4 HOW TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT IN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Application forms are available from any primary school, library in the Belfast board area or the board's website: www.belb.org.uk. Before completing the application form you should carefully read the notes of guidance on the reverse side of the application form and the information about schools and their admissions criteria contained in this booklet.

It is in your best interest to make sure that you supply all the information required on the application form eg. brothers/sisters attend/attended, close family relationships, religious affiliation etc. and in particular that you state at least **three** preferences.

If you have applied for admission directly to a preparatory department of a grammar school you may still express preferences for controlled, maintained and integrated primary schools on the board's application form. You should complete only **one** application form for your child and send it together with your child's birth certificate and any additional information, to the principal of your first preference school. The form must be returned no later than 12 noon on the 18 January 2012. As only one application form is permitted you should list the schools of your choice on this form in your order of preference.

You will appreciate that, while the Belfast Education and Library Board administers the open enrolment arrangements, it has no power to place your child in a particular primary school. The selection of children for enrolment is a matter for individual school Boards of Governors.

If you require any further information about school admissions you should contact the principal of your first preference school. A sample of the application form can be found on page 10 of this booklet.

5 CHANGE OF PREFERENCES

Apart from those necessitated by exceptional circumstances no changes of preference will be considered punctual if received after 12 noon on 18 January 2012. If you wish to change your preference you must withdraw the original application and then submit a new application. If this occurs after 12 noon on 18 January 2012 your "new" application will be treated as "late".

The final date by which the board will process any changes necessitated by exceptional circumstances eg change of address which necessitates a change of preference (which must be verified), any new applications/additional preferences/new information is 16 March 2012.

Parents should be aware that after 18 April 2012 a number of schools will have allocated all their places and can only give consideration to a change of preference in the event that a place becomes available. It is important that parents give very careful consideration to the stated order of their preferences and indicate any changes to the board by 12 noon on 18 January 2012 at the latest and also provide any additional relevant information by that date.

6 LATE APPLICATIONS

Late applications i.e. applications received in schools after 12 noon on 18 January 2012) will be dealt with separately and may only be considered for admission after all *punctual* applicants have been dealt with and vacancies still remain within the school's admissions number.

Where places subsequently become available in over-subscribed schools after Wednesday 18 April 2012, unsuccessful punctual applications/late applications and new applications will be considered on an equal basis and places allocated to the children who best satisfy the school's admissions criteria.

7 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS BY SCHOOLS

The Department of Education has fixed the maximum number of pupils which each school may admit into primary one, known as the school's admissions number.

Normally, if a school's admissions number is greater than the number of first preference applications which it receives; all such applicants will be offered places.

In the event of the number of first preference applications being greater than a school's admissions number the governors will apply the school's published admissions criteria to all such applicants to determine which children will be offered places up to the school's admission number. Responsibility for drawing up and applying a school's admissions criteria rests solely with its Board of Governors.

If your child is not accepted by your first preference school the application form and any documents attached will be sent to your second preference school. The process, already described, will be repeated until your child is placed. Places will be allocated to those who best meet the schools' admission criteria regardless of order of preference. If your child is not offered a place in any of the schools for which you have stated a preference, the Transfer/Open Enrolment Officer will ask you to state further preferences so that the procedure may continue until a place is found for your child.

In the case of junior schools the admissions number applies to primary 4 intake.

8 ASSISTANCE WITH TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO GRANT AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Transport assistance is provided in line with the policy laid down in the Department of Education Circular 1996/41.

The current policy for children starting a new school is that where there is a suitable school or schools within statutory walking distance from the parents' permanent home address, and a pupil attends a school outside statutory walking distance, transport assistance will be provided only where the pupil has sought and been unable to gain a place in **all** suitable schools within statutory walking distance. In the case of primary school pupils the statutory walking distance is 2 miles.

The order in which preference of schools is listed on the application for enrolment in a primary school is the only factor taken into consideration when transport assistance is being sought to a primary school.

Suitable schools, for transport purposes, are defined in the following categories.

(a) Primary Schools:- Controlled, Maintained, Integrated or Irish Medium Schools.

N.B Failure to apply to a suitable primary school or schools, which are within statutory walking distance, on the grounds that a pupil may not be accepted by those schools automatically excludes that pupil from transport assistance to a school which is over the statutory walking distance.

Single sex or co-educational schools

Preferences expressed on grounds of single sex or co-educational schools will not qualify for transport assistance if an otherwise suitable school or schools exist within statutory walking distance of the pupil's home and the chosen school lies outside the limit.

Travel tickets

For eligible pupils attending mainstream schools transport assistance will be provided in the form of a sessional ticket for travel by public transport.

Available transport

Parents must satisfy themselves when seeking admission to schools for their children that a suitable transport service is available. Gaining admission to a school does not automatically commit the board to provide transport.

It should be noted that the board does not have the power to:

- (i) provide a service where none currently exists;
- (ii) extend an existing service.

The board is not obliged to provide transport where the cost of so doing could be regarded as unreasonable public expenditure.

Please note that the rules governing eligibility for transport assistance may alter during your child's time at any particular school and this should be taken into consideration when choosing schools to list as preferences on the application form.

9 NOTIFICATION OF PLACEMENT

Schools are not permitted to advise parents of the outcome of applications.

Letters will be issued on Wednesday 18 April 2012 by the school the child has been placed in.

In the unlikely event of your child not having been offered a place when notification of placement is issued, the board will advise you of those schools in which places are still available and ask you to state which of these schools you would wish your child to attend.

10 APPEALS ARRANGEMENTS

The open enrolment legislation gives parents the right to appeal against admissions decisions but only on the grounds that a Board of Governors, in deciding not to admit a child, did not apply, or did not correctly apply its admissions criteria.

If in the light of this you decide to appeal against the decision of the Board of Governors of a Belfast board school, you should write to The Clerk to the Appeals Tribunal, c/o Belfast Education and Library Board, 40 Academy Street, Belfast, BT1 2NQ, informing your intention to submit an appeal.

Your letter must reach the board not later than **30 April 2012 by 4.00pm**. Intention to Appeal letters received after this date will not be accepted. **Recorded delivery is recommended.**

Your notice of intention to appeal will be acknowledged and at the same time you will be sent an official appeal form on which you must make your appeal. If you do not receive an official form within 5 working days or before the closing date (30 April 2012) please contact the open enrolment office on 028 90564080/4284.

A final date for receipt of the official appeal form will be shown on the correspondence from the board officer. If the appeal form is not received by this given date, the appeal will be withdrawn.

It is the parents responsibility to ensure that any documentation arrives with the board by the specified date.

If the appeal tribunal find that the Board of Governors did not apply or did not correctly apply its criteria and that the pupil would have been admitted, if it had, the tribunal will instruct the school to admit the pupil.

NOTE

The advice which has been given is based on the Education Reform (NI) Order 1997 and the related regulations. While every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate, it is given as guidance and not as an authoritative interpretation of the law.

It should be noted that any additional information, which was not available to the Board of Governors at the time of the allocation of places, cannot be taken into account by an independent appeal tribunal.

Should a vacancy arise in an over-subscribed school after 18 April 2012 all applications that were refused, new applications, late applications and new information will now be considered on an equal basis and allocated to the children who best satisfy the schools' admissions criteria..

Refer to individual criteria as some schools wish parents to inform them after 1 September 2012 if they wish their child's name to be placed on a waiting list.

Note: At the time of going to press the information published was correct.

TIMETABLE

Arrangements for September 2012 admissions

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| 2 December 2011 | - | Boards publish information about Primary Schools. |
| 18 January 2012
(not later than 12 noon) | - | Closing date for receipt of parents' applications to first preference primary schools. |
| 27 January – 16 March 2012 | - | Dates by which Schools select pupils at first, second, third and further preference stages and for application forms of pupils not selected to be forwarded to Education Board concerned. |
| 18 April 2012 | - | Issue of letters advising parents of the primary school for which their child has been accepted. |
| 30 April 2012 (by 4.00pm) | - | Final date of notice of intention to appeal against primary schools admission decisions to be received by boards. |

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**AVONIEL PRIMARY SCHOOL
AVONIEL ROAD
BELFAST
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Controlled School

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Principal: I. Gourley BSc (Hons) P.G.C.E, DASE, PQH

Admission No: 55

Enrolment No: 383

Avoniel Primary School enjoys an attractive setting with extensive grounds which include playing fields and large play areas. Generous accommodation includes seven bright, spacious classrooms each equipped with an interactive white-board, a double nursery unit, parents' room, art room, play room, music room, library, special needs room, assembly hall/gym and a computer suite.

We aim to provide a stimulating, caring and stable learning environment in which each child grows and develops in all aspects of life. The skills, attitudes and values which we seek to develop in our children will enable them to make a worthwhile contribution to the school and the wider community.

At Avoniel we believe that education is a partnership between school and home in which open communication and parental involvement are encouraged. We regard the support and contribution of parents as vital to the success of the school. Parent consultations are held twice yearly and parents also receive an annual report.

As part of our Extended Schools Programme the children benefit from a wide range of extra curricular activities. These include basketball, dance, football, tennis, music and drama tuition and workshops and a homework centre.

Parents are encouraged to take part in our Parent Support Programme, run in conjunction with Belfast Metropolitan College, which delivers essential skills in literacy, numeracy and ICT.

The school has established strong links with local businesses through 'Business in the Community'. Representatives from a number of businesses mentor children weekly for reading and computer skills.

Any child identified as having special needs is well supported. We offer extensive provision for special needs which includes a designated special needs support teacher and outreach assistance.

We have established a Welcome Club and are developing support materials to meet the pastoral, curricular and language needs of our increasing numbers of newcomer pupils (pupils whose first language is not English).

Each year two residential trips to the outdoor pursuits centre at Delamont Country Park are organized. There are also numerous day trips supporting the curriculum.

The school has a strong caring ethos centred on the needs of the children and supported by effective care structures. High standards of behaviour are expected both inside the school and in public.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

If the school is over-subscribed the following criteria will apply in the order set down:-

1. Only children of compulsory school age will be admitted.
2. Pupils who will have an older brother/sister, half-brother and/or half-sister enrolled at the school in September 2012.
3. Proximity to the school measured by the shortest suitable pedestrian route.

It is the responsibility of the Principal to consider all applications for admission. The approval for admissions is a matter for the Board of Governors.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Any parent wishing to visit the school may do so by making an appointment with the Principal.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	20	20
2010	23	23
2011	17	17

Acting Principal: Beverly McBride
Chairman of the Board of Governors: Mr B Dunn

Age Range: 3-11 Years Boys and Girls

Admission No: 41

Enrolment No: 290

The school, which opened in 1955, contains both a hockey and football pitch in the large playground together with a fully enclosed Nursery Playground.

The accommodation consists of ten classrooms, a self contained Nursery Unit, a class unit for Hearing Impaired Children, a two class unit for children with Speech and Language Difficulties, a Library, an Assembly Hall, a Dining Hall and a School Meals Kitchen. In addition the school has a computer suite with 13 PC's.

The schools aim is to provide a broad and balanced curriculum which meets the needs of each pupil and allows each pupil to progress as far as possible and reach their full potential. On entry to the school pupils are placed in either the Nursery, the Hearing Unit, the Language Unit or one of the mixed ability classes in the main school.

The progress of all pupils is kept under review by means of comprehensive Records of Achievement. We are aware that children develop at different rates. For this reason, all children P2 – P7 who fall behind in the basic subjects are catered for in special help classes. Homework is an essential part of school life and is given to all pupils.

The school insists on a high standard of discipline and the acceptance of basic ideals such as honesty, courtesy and respect for others.

Whilst school uniform is not compulsory most children do wear it and details of the school uniform are circulated to parents.

The general well being and personal development of all pupils is considered to be extremely important. Parents are encouraged to keep close contact with the school through the Principal and the class teachers.

Pupils are encouraged to choose from the following list of clubs and societies: Badminton, Dance, Computers, Gymnastics, French, Drama, Music, Art, Design and Technology, Library Studies and Local Studies. These are held both during school time and after school for P4 – 7 pupils.

Educational school trips are also considered important by the school. Day trips are organised for all classes.

Parents are encouraged to visit the school at any time and are given opportunities throughout the year to meet their children's teachers both formally and informally.

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

The function of the Board of Governors is to determine the criteria for admissions to the school; it delegates to the Principal responsibility for applying criteria to applicants for admission.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The following criteria for the admission of pupils will be used in the event of the number of applicants exceeding the school's admission number.

- 1 Children who have a brother, sister, half-brother and/or half-sister enrolled in the school in the school year 2012/2013.
- 2 Children whose parents are permanent employees in the school in the school year 2012/2013.
- 3 Children who attended the Nursery Unit of the school in the school year 2011/2012.
- 4 Children who live nearest to the school as determined by the shortest pedestrian route from the child's front door to the main gate of the school.

The criteria are set down in the order in which they will be applied.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	13	13
2010	10	10
2011	1	1

Acting Principal: Mrs Michele Megrath BEd

Chairman of Board of Governors: Mr Tom McCluskie MBE

Admission No: 41

Enrolment No: 290

The school is situated at the top of Ballysillan Park with extensive grounds and spectacular views of Belfast. Facilities include two playgrounds, assembly/sports hall, library, music/television room, special needs room, parents room and a nursery unit which is an integral part of the school.

The school expects high standards of behaviour and effort on the part of pupils; all pupils are expected to wear the school uniform.

The aim of the school is to provide a broad and balanced curriculum which complies with the Northern Ireland Curriculum.

Great emphasis is placed upon child centred learning, developing independence and acquiring skills for life and this is enhanced by activities which include Structured Play, Sports, French, Cookery, Art and Drama.

The school operates a daily Breakfast Club as well as a wide range of After School activities including Football, Netball, Scottish Highland Dancing, Choir, Computers, Craft Club and Cycling Proficiency.

We are fortunate to have a supportive Parents Association which plays an important and active role in school life and we are proud of the close links and co-operation between home and school which creates a family environment at Ballysillan Primary School.

FUNCTION OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND PRINCIPAL IN RELATION TO ADMISSIONS.

The function of the Board of Governors is to determine the criteria for admissions to the school and it delegates to the Principal and such staff as he may nominate responsibility for the application of such criteria to applicants for admission.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Only children of compulsory school age, i.e. children born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 will be admitted to the school.

The following criteria for the admission of pupils will be used in the event of the number of applicants exceeding the school's admission number.

The criteria are set down in the order in which they will be applied.

- 1 Children who attended the Nursery Unit of the school in the year 2011/2012.
- 2 Children who will have a brother, a sister, a half-brother and/or a half-sister currently attending or have attended the school.

- 3 Children who have family connections with the school. e.g. parents, cousins or other relations of present or past pupils.
- 4 Children who are the eldest or only child in the family.
- 5 Children who live in the immediate area of the school - priority will be given to those who live the shortest distance from the front door of their home to the front gate of the school.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	19	19
2010	9	9
2011	20	20

Principal: Mrs O F McIlroy B.Ed (Hons), M.Ed

Admission No: 84

Enrolment No: 252

The school caters for children in the Primary 1-3 age range. The old school, opened in 1890, was replaced in 1999 by a new purpose-built school. The new premises have nine classrooms, a library, a multi-purpose hall, group and staff rooms. These have been built to a high specification which fully meets the requirements of today's early years education.

The staff have a wide range of experience and expertise and work hard to provide a broad and varied curriculum which supports all round development. Our pupils become confident and competent learners within an orderly, caring environment which encourages independence and responsibility. Relationships are good and parents support the school well. There is an active PTA which makes valuable contributions to the school. The children enjoy a range of extra-curricular activities at Year 3 including healthy eating, dance, ecology and games. Tennis and football are also available after school for Primary 2 and 3 pupils. Educational visits form an integral part of the curriculum for all children and in Primary 3 all children have the opportunity to participate in recorder, Spanish, Eco-Committee and our media production team. The Board of Governors takes a keen interest in the pupils and are very supportive to the staff.

Any parent wishing to visit the school may do so by making an appointment with the principal.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admissions criteria and has delegated to the principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

Admissions to Year 1 in September 2012

Only children of compulsory school age, (i.e. children born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 incl.) will be admitted to the school. In the event of the school being oversubscribed the Governors will select children for admission to primary one using the admissions criteria set out below.

The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set down. Should the number of children who satisfy the requirement of any criterion exceed the number of places available, the remaining criteria will be applied successively to the children which caused the number of places to be exceeded, until all places have been allocated.

- 1 Children who have a brother/sister, half-brother/half-sister, or children living permanently at the same address, currently attending Belmont Primary School.
- 2 Children who have a brother/sister, half-brother/half-sister, or children living permanently at the same address, currently attending Strandtown Primary School.

- 3 Children who have a parent/guardian in permanent employment in Belmont Primary School.
- 4 Children who have a parent/guardian in permanent employment in Strandtown Primary School.
- 5 Priority will then be given to children whose **permanent** residence is the shortest distance from the school. Distance will be determined by a straight line measurement generated electronically using the computer programme provided by Ordnance Survey Northern Ireland.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equi distant for the final place, preference will be given to the youngest child.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

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 Form. 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 Form.

Admission to Years 2 and 3

- (i) Pupils seeking admission who have been previously enrolled in Belmont and wish to transfer back from special education.
- (ii) Criteria will be applied as before providing there are places in the relevant year group.

Verification of your address must be submitted with application.

The applicant's "Home" must be understood to mean the normal residence of the parents of the applicant and "parents" must be used in the sense given to it by the Education and Libraries (N.I.) Order 1986 namely that it "includes a guardian and every person who has the actual custody of the child".

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	82	82
2010	104	84
2011	95	84

Principal: W Macauley, CEEd, CRPE, BEd(Hons), MSc(EdMan)

Admission No: 40

Enrolment No: 280

Black Mountain Primary School is situated in an area of North West Belfast bounded by the Ballygomartin, Springmartin, Springfield and West Circular Roads and lying between the Springmartin and Highfield Estates.

It is a large, bright, modern complex comprising nineteen rooms. Five rooms are used as class bases and five others are used for library, resources, television, science and special needs. This year sees the development of a Homework Centre and the continuing development of a Community Resource Centre in line with the commitment to further promote a community aspect to school. There is a large dining hall and gymnasium combined. The nursery unit has purpose-built accommodation set apart from the school. The school buildings retain an open and well cared for appearance which indicates the value placed on it by the local community.

At present there are 100 children on roll with an additional 26 attending the nursery class. The school enjoys a high standard of decorative order and cleanliness and provides a caring, comfortable and inviting environment. Black Mountain functions as part of the community and has forged close links with the local church, library, health care centre and neighbouring schools. Interest and support is given to the children's out of school activities as evidenced in a thriving Homework Centre and Extended Schools activities.

The curriculum is broad and balanced in compliance with the requirements of the Education Reform (N.I.) Order, including language, mathematics and science, environmental studies, art and music. Every child, from P1, has their own computer account which they use frequently in the computer suite and in class. Emphasis is placed on structured play, technology and physical education which includes swimming and games. There is a blend of traditional and progressive teaching methods among the 7 members of staff. Extra curricular activities include soccer, tennis, cricket, hockey, athletics and educational visits.

The school attempts to cultivate the spiritual, moral, cultural, cognitive, aesthetic and physical development of each individual child.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's criteria and has delegated to the principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school. The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set down.

- 1 Only children of compulsory school age (children born between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to P1.
- 2 Children who have a brother, sister, half-brother and/or half-sister already enrolled in the school.
- 3 Children who have a family connection with the school.

- 4 Children who attend the nursery unit of the school in the year 2011/2012.
- 5 Children who live in the immediate area of the school defined as the parish of Whiterock.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Admissions P2/P7 will be allocated by applying criteria 2 - 5 above.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	19	19
2010	14	14
2011	19	19

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Principal: Mrs S Lennon, BEd, PQH

Admission No: 73

Enrolment No: 513

Blythefield Primary School is situated at the end of Blythe Street, directly facing the park. It was built in the 'Wiltshire' style in the 1930's and is a 'listed' building because of special historical and architectural interest.

The school currently uses seven classrooms, a computer suite, a Key Stage 1 activity based learning room, a well stocked library, and a parents' room.

The aim of the school is to be valued by, and of value to, the community in which it serves. The school has a team of teaching and non-teaching staff who are committed to providing the best possible educational experience for every child. We foster a community atmosphere with good relationships between pupils and staff and provide a happy, caring ethos.

At Blythefield we provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all children and we aim to give every child the opportunity to experience success in learning and to achieve as high a standard as possible. We help children to develop self-confidence, self-esteem, self-discipline and to have a positive attitude to their learning. Life long skills are developed as children experience active learning situations in literacy, numeracy and information technology. Creativity is in all areas of the curriculum however art, drama and music provide rich opportunities for development.

The World Around Us gives children the opportunity to explore and learn through topics in geography, history and science. Personal development and mutual understanding focuses on encouraging children to become confident, independent learners who will consider others in their decision making processes. Physical education allows children to be creative and imaginative while participating in a range of physical skills.

In addition to curriculum subjects a number of extra-curricular activities have been offered depending on interest and demand. These have included drama, choir, guitar, gardening, cookery and a range of sports. Next year we aim to offer a breakfast club and after-school homework club.

Parents are kept well informed of their child's progress through a parental information talk in September, individual consultations with the class teacher and an annual written report. Weekly newsletters also keep parents informed about school life.

As members of the local community, the Board of Governors take a keen and active interest in the school, the staff and the education of all the pupils. Application forms may be obtained from the school office. Parents are warmly invited to contact the Principal to discuss the application procedure or visit the school.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the schools admissions criteria and has delegated to the principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

Only children of compulsory school age (i.e. children born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to the school. In the event of the school being oversubscribed the governors will select children for admission to primary one using the admission criteria set out below.

The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set down. When so applying the criteria, should the number of children who satisfy the requirement of any criterion exceed the number of places still available within the school's admission number, the remaining criteria (i.e. those not yet applied) will be applied successively and in the order set down, to the group of children who satisfied the criterion which caused the number of places available to be exceeded, until all of the available places have been allocated.

CRITERIA

- 1 Children who will have a brother, sister, half-brother and/or half-sister enrolled in the school in the school year 2012/2013.
- 2 Those children who attended Arellian nursery in the school year 2011/2012 and who do not fall into criterion 1.
- 3 Children who live in the immediate area of the school. In applying this criterion the governors will award places to children on the basis of the walking distance from the front door of their home to the main gate of the school, priority being given to those who live the shortest distance from the school. (Please note that 'home' refers to parents'/guardians' home and not to the home of a childminder).

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	13	13
2010	15	15
2011	7	7

Botanic Primary School, built in 1939 to an award winning design of A.N. Wiltshire, is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac off Agincourt Avenue. The building comprises spacious classrooms, a well stocked library, a modern computer suite, play room, music room and an assembly/PE hall. Hot meals are prepared and cooked in the school canteen within the school grounds. The school is adjacent to Botanic Park and a few minutes walk from the Ulster Museum and QUB Physical Education Centre. These facilities provide useful resources in the implementation of the Northern Ireland Curriculum.

Botanic has traditionally accepted children from all communities and in addition a substantial proportion of our intake comprises children of foreign nationals who are studying or lecturing at QUB. We welcome this diversity and believe that it assists in the understanding of worldwide religious and social traditions. There is a specialist EAL teacher employed by the school for children who have English as an additional language.

Staff acknowledge the vital educational role played by parents. We endeavour to enlist their assistance where possible and to keep them informed through parent/teacher interviews, written profiles, curricular meetings and news bulletins.

At Botanic we aim to provide a positive, supportive and stimulating environment where each child feels valued and respected. All are encouraged to achieve their full potential. Additional help is available for children with learning difficulties. Expertise of staff is used to provide specialized teaching in P.E, Art and Music. The wide range of extra-curricular activities develops the children's personal interests and skills.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admission criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school. Only children of compulsory school age (ie. children born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to the school. In the event of the school being over subscribed, the governors will select children for admission to Primary one using the admission criteria below.

The criteria will be applied in the order set down. When so applying the criteria, should the number of children who satisfy the requirement of any criterion exceed the number of places still available within the school's admission number, the remaining criteria (ie. those not yet applied) will be applied successively and in the order set down, to the group of children who satisfied the criterion which caused the number of places available to be exceeded, until all of the available places have been allocated.

CRITERIA

- 1 Children who attended the nursery unit in the school year 2011/2012.
- 2 Children who have a brother/sister, half-brother/half-sister currently enrolled in the school.

- 3 Children who have had a brother/sister, half-brother/half-sister enrolled in the school or Porter's Annexe.
- 4 Children who are considered by the governors to be deserving of special consideration because of medical or social factors where such conditions/factors are supported by written evidence provided by a medical doctor or senior social worker. Special circumstances must be made known in writing at the time of application.
- 5 Children whose parents have been enrolled in the school or Porter's Annexe.
- 6 Children whose parent(s)/guardian(s) homes are closest to the school as measured using a website that calculates the distance (as the crow flies) between the School postcode – BT7 1QY and the postcode of the applicant such as www.freemaptools.com/how-far-is-it-between.htm

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	32	32
2010	27	27
2011	29	29

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Príomhoide: Róisín Ní Ghadhra

Uimhir Iontrála: 29

Uimhir Ghlaraithe: 203

Is Bunscoil Lán - Ghaeilge í Bunscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh ina dteagasctar an curaclam tríd an Ghaeilge. Beidh daltaí a dhéanann freastal ar Bhunscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh dátheangach. Tá sé cruthaithe go bhfuil buntaistí ag baint le líofacht in dhá theanga ag aois chomh hóg sin i dtaca le forbairt phearsanta, intleachtúil, shóisialta agus chultúrtha an dalta. Bítear ag súil leis go rachaidh tuismitheoirí dhaltaí Bhunscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh chuig na ranganna Gaeilge.

Critéir Iontrála le haghaidh teacht isteach daltaí i Meán Fómhair 2012/2013

CRT

1. Páistí d'aois éigeantach scoile a chríochnaigh clár sásúil tumoideachais i *Naíscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh*.
2. Páistí d'aois éigeantach scoile a chríochnaigh clár sásúil tumoideachais i *Naíscoil eile seachas an ceann thuasluaite*.

Fóchrítéir

Tabharfar tús áite do:

- A Páistí d'aois éigeantach scoile a bhfuil / raibh deartháir nó deirfiúr acu ag *freastal ar Bhunscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh*.
- B Páistí tuismitheoirí a úsáideann an Ghaeilge mar theanga teallaigh, nó a thaispeáin suim nó a ghlac páirt ghníomhach in athbheochan na Gaeilge sa phobal.
- C Páistí a bhfuil/raibh gaol acu ag freastal ar Bhunscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh ag toiseacht le dearthair agus deirfiúr.
- D Páistí ón scoil cheantar máguaird ie ceantar Bharr an chluanaí.

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Principal: Róisín Ní Ghadhra

Admission No: 29

Enrolment No: 203

Bunscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh is an Irish Medium Primary School where the curriculum is delivered through the medium of the Irish language. Pupils attending Bunscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh will become bilingual. Fluency in two languages at such an early age has proven to be advantageous to the pupils' personal, social and cultural development. Parents of pupils attending Bunscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh are expected to attend Irish classes.

Admissions criteria for entry of pupils in September 2012/2013:

- 1 Children of compulsory school age who have completed a satisfactory Nursery immersion programme in Naíscóil an tSléibhe Dhuibh.
- 2 Children of compulsory school age who have completed a satisfactory immersion programme in another Naíscóil other than that previously mentioned.

Priority will be given to:

- A Children of compulsory school age who have/had brothers or sisters attending Bunscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh.
- B Children of parents who use the Irish language as their first language in the home, or who have previously shown active involvement or interest in the recent revival of the Irish language in the Community.
- C Children who have/had close relatives attending Bunscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh, starting with brother(s)/sister(s).
- D Children from the immediate vicinity, ie greater Ballymurphy area.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	29	29
2010	15	15
2011	15	15

Priomhoide: Máire Uí Éigearthaigh

Uimhir iontrála: 25

Uimhir chláráithe: 174

Is bunscoil lánghaeilge í Bunscoil Bheann Mhadagáin i dTuaisceart Bhéal Feirste ar bunaíodh i 1994.

Aidhmeanna na scoile:

I mBunscoil Bheann Mhadagáin ba mhaith linn oideachas trí mheán na Gaeilge den chaighdeán is airde a chur ar fáil. Ba mhaith linn an dalta mar dhuine agus mar bhall de phobal na scoile a chothú. Ba mhaith linn páirtnéireacht le tuismitheoirí a chothú agus meas againn ar a chéile.

I measc na n-imeachtaí seach-churaclam atá againn tá ceachtanna snámha, club obair baile, traenáil peile agus léar mór clubanna do pháistí eacharcheim 2 gach tráthnóna Déardaoin. Foghlaimíonn gach páistí uirléis ceoil chomh maith.

Páirtnéireacht le tuismitheoirí:

Tá ról lárnach ag tuismitheoirí i saol na scoile. Tá tuismitheoirí agus cairde na scoile mar bhall de ghrúpa tacaíochta 'Cairde Bheann Mhadagáin' agus oibríonn siad le pobal na scoile chun áiseanna breise a chur ar fáil.

Príomh chritéir iontrála:

- Páistí d'aois éigeantach scoile a bhfuil clár sásúil tumoideachais críochnaithe acu in aon cheann de na náiscoileanna seo: *Naíscoil Bheann Mhadagáin, agus Naíscoil Ard Eoin*;
- Páistí d'aois éigeantach scoile a bhfuil clár sásúil tumoideachais críochnaithe acu i náiscoil ar bith eile.

Fóchritéir

- Páistí d'aois éigeantach scoile a bhfuil/raibh deartháir nó deirfiúr acu ar an scoil chéana;
- Páistí tuismitheoirí a úsáideann an Ghaeilge mar theanga teaghligh;
- Páistí ó scoilcheantar Bhunscoil Bheann Mhadagáin ie Thuaisceart Bhéal Feirste.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Principal: Máire Uí Éigearthaigh

Admission No: 25

Enrolment No: 174

Bunscoil Bheann Mhadagáin is a North Belfast Irish Medium Primary School and was established in 1994 as a response to the needs of the local community.

School Aims

In Bunscoil Bheann Mhadagáin we are committed to developing a high standard of education through the medium of Irish. We value each pupil as an individual and as a member of the school community. We work in partnership with parents in a spirit of mutual respect.

Among the extra curricular activities offered are swimming lessons, homework club, football training and a wide range of clubs for Key stage 2 children each Thursday afternoon. Every child learns a musical instrument.

Partnership with Parents

Parents have a central role to play in the life of the school. Parents and friends of the school are members of 'Cairde Bheann Mhadagáin' and they work with the school community to make extra resources available.

Admissions Criteria

(1) Main criteria

- Children of compulsory school age who have completed a satisfactory immersion programme in *Naíscoil Bheann Mhadagáin*, and *Naíscoil Ard Eoin*;
- Children of compulsory school age who have completed a satisfactory immersion programme in any other Naíscoil other than those specified above.

(2) Secondary Criteria

- Children of compulsory school age who have/had a brother or sister at the school;
- Children of parents who use Irish as a home language;
- Children from the catchment area of Bunscoil Bheann Mhadagáin.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	20	20
2010	21	21
2011	21	21

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Uimhir iontrála: 12

Uimhir chláráithe: 87

Is scoil Lán-Ghaeilge í Bunscoil Mhic Reachtain a fhreastlaíonn ar phobal an Lóiste Úir, Chnoc na Carraige, Newington agus Bhóthar Aontroma.

Cuirtear an-bhéim ar an pháiste bheith i gcroí-lár na scoile againn agus ar an mheas a chaitear leo. Chruthaigh muid tearmainn dár bpáistí ina mbíonn gach eispéireas s'acu ar an oideachas dearfach. Cuirtear in iúl do phobal na scoile go mbíonn barrthábhacht le páirtíocht ghníomhach idir an páiste, an tuismitheoir agus an múinteoir.

Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí freastal a dhéanamh ar ranganna Gaeilge le bheith ag cuidiú lena bpáistí ach ní gá Gaeilge a bheith sa bhaile. Cuirtear tréan comhairle agus cuidithe ar fáil do thuismitheoirí le bheith ag tacú le foghlaim na bpáistí trí mheán an Bhéarla.

Cinntítear cearta an pháiste ar Bhunscoil Mhic Reachtain agus deirtear go luath leo go gcosnófar a gcearta ag foireann na scoile, is é sin go mbeidh siad sásta slán sábháilte ar scoil.

Cuirtear an-bhéim ar ról na scoile i saol an phobail agus is mian linn go mbíonn muid mar chuid den fhorbairt phobail leanúnach a fheictear sa cheantar go laethúil. Is mian linn cur le saol an phobail trí páistí a chruthú a thuigeann an gaol atá acu lena gcomharsain agus an tábhacht atá le meas a léiriú ar chách.

Tá béim mhór ar an cheol traidisiúnta sa scoil.

CRITÉIR IONTRÁLA

Agus sinn ag meas iarratas tabharfaidh Bunscoil Mhic Reachtain tús áite:

- do pháiste d'aois inmhianaithe a bhí ar Naíscoil Mhic Reachtain, cé go bpléifear cás páistí a bhí ar naíscoil lán-Ghaeilge eile; agus
- dóibh siúd a bhfuil deartháir/deirfiúr ar an scoil cheana acu.

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Principal: Séamas Ó Donnghaile M.A., P.G.C.E., PQH, Cert P.D.

Admission No: 12

Enrolment No: 87

Bunscoil Mhic Reachtain (McCracken PS) is a non-denominational, Irish-Medium primary school drawing its pupils from the New Lodge, Carrick Hill, Newington and Antrim Road areas and beyond.

We place great emphasis on the fact that each child is central to our every function and that our pupils feel respected at all times. We believe that our school is a haven of learning in which all the children's experiences are positive. The entire school community knows the value of active partnerships between the child, the parent and the teacher.

Whilst parents are advised to attend Irish classes in order to assist with their children's learning, an ability on the part of the parent to speak Irish is not a prerequisite for admission. Much advice and guidance is provided to parents to enable them to support their child through the medium of English and to work in partnership with the teachers.

Parents can be assured that their children's rights are at all times secured by a committed and dedicated staff who realise how vital it is for all children to feel happy and safe when they are in our care.

From its inception Bunscoil Mhic Reachtain has seen itself as having a very important role in the life of the community's continuing development. We aim to augment this development by helping to mould individuals who have an appreciation of the mutual respect required to create a stable and harmonious society.

There is a strong emphasis on Irish traditional music in the school.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

When considering applications, Bunscoil Mhic Reachtain will give priority to:

- children of the desirable age who have attended Naíscóil Mhic Reachtain (New Lodge Irish-Medium Nursery, Duncairn Avenue), although we will consider applications from children who attended other Irish-Medium nursery schools; and
- to those children who have a sibling at the school at present.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	9	9
2010	11	11
2011	10	10

Acting Principal: Deirdre Nic Suibhne

Admission No: 58

Enrolment No: 406

Is scoil Ghaeilge í Bunscoil Phobal Feirste. Cuirtear Curaclam Thuaisceart Éireann trí mheán na Gaeilge, i bhfeidhm sa scoil. Is i an Ghaeilge teanga na scoile.

Tá cúram tréadach an-tábhachtach sa scoil. Bíonn páistí sona sábhailte i dtimpeallacht ina léirítear meas, cúram, cairdeas agus cineáltas do gach uile pháiste.

Cuirtear réimse leathan gníomhaíochtaí ar fáil le linn am scoile agus i ndiaidh am scoile. Tá club bricfeasta agus club larscoile ar fáil againn.

Bunscoil Phobal Feirste is an Irish Medium school which was founded in 1971. We deliver the Northern Ireland Curriculum through the medium of Irish. We nourish a love of both our language and culture in school. We promote and celebrate every aspect of our culture.

Pastoral care is of paramount importance in our school. The children are safe and happy in a caring and friendly environment. Discipline is promoted and all staff promote confidence and self-esteem in every aspect of school life. A wide programme of extra curricular activities is provided both during and after school. We have both a breakfast and an after school club.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS IN SEPTEMBER 2012

The Board of Governors have drawn up the school's admissions criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and admission of pupils to the school.

- 1 Children of compulsory school age who will have completed the required Nursery Immersion Programme at Naíscóil Bhreandáin.
- 2 In the event of oversubscription, priority will be given to children of compulsory school age, who will have brothers or sisters already attending Bunscoil Phobal Feirste in that year and who have completed the required Nursery Immersion Programme.
- 3 Having considered criteria 1 and 2, and if any further places are available consideration will be given to children of compulsory school age:
 - (a) who have brothers or sisters who are past pupils of Bunscoil Phobal Feirste and who will have completed the required Nursery Immersion Programme at another Naíscóil.
 - (b) whose parents attended Bunscoil Phobal Feirste and have completed the required Nursery Immersion Programme.
- 4 Having considered criteria 1, 2 and 3, and if any further places are available, consideration will be given to children of compulsory school age who will have completed the required Nursery Immersion Programme at another Naíscóil.

- 5 Having considered criteria 1, 2, 3 and 4, and if any further places are available consideration will be given to children for whom Irish has been their first language.

P2 - P7 Criteria

Same as P1

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	28	28
2010	34	34
2011	37	37

Principal: Mr D A Harkness, B. Ed M.Ed PQH(NI)

Admission No: 60

Enrolment No: 472

Carr's Glen Primary school is situated at the upper end of the Oldpark Road in North Belfast. The school has been in existence for 70 years and has developed a consistent record of providing for the educational needs of the immediate and wider North Belfast community.

The current teaching staff consists of a Principal and 13 teaching staff, some of whom are job share. In addition there are a range of support staff, who compliment the educational provision within the school.

Carr's Glen Primary has introduced the revised curriculum in a phased approach in accordance with DENI timetables. Development of Assessment for Learning, Personal Capabilities and Thinking Skills, Learning Trails and Topic Work has been ongoing and served as a focus over several years. Additionally, Linguistic Phonics has been introduced across the Year Groups and is complemented by a Year 1 Comet Language Programme.

The school is well resourced, preparing and publishing much of its own curricular materials which are used in conjunction with mainstream publications and resources. Substantial investment in ICT means we have an ICT Suite, Interactive Whiteboards in every classroom and a bank of Netbooks for classroom use. We participate in the ICT Accreditation Scheme for Years 4 and 7 and have been awarded for innovative practice in ICT.

High standards are set and expected in all aspects of school life and there are regular consultations with parents on the progress and development of their children. Key stage results are favourable in comparison to the NI Average. A Positive Behaviour Policy is in operation which promotes a caring and pastoral attitude, whilst also establishing clear discipline guidelines. Our SENCO liaises regularly with class teachers and provision is made for pupils with special educational needs.

Our Cross Community Links involve a Peace Players Basketball programme with St Clare's Primary School and an ICT programme, Dissolving Boundaries with Scoil St Phonica, Galway. On a wider scale, we have international links with schools in France, Germany, Ireland and Italy through a European Comenius project. The Girls and Boys Model offer extra provision as Specialist Schools in ICT and Music. In addition, we have engaged with several outside agencies offering specialist programmes in Art and Literacy.

Under Extended Schools and extra curricular activities there are a range of opportunities provided such as; Breakfast Club, Choir, Folk Dancing, Football, Games Club, Scripture Union, Art Club, French Club, Science Club, Puppetry, Counselling and Film Club. An after schools care programme caters for those children who finish at 2pm but have older brothers and sisters who don't finish until 3pm. Additionally, the Library is open to parents on Wednesday afternoons with a suitable range of books stocked for them.

There is an active and supportive PTFA which organizes and runs several school events over the year which, are well attended and assist in providing much needed finances for resources.

Carr's Glen remains as one of the largest controlled schools in North Belfast with a proud and established educational history. The school was inspected in November 2010, receiving a very favourable report with no follow-up inspection. The full report can be obtained from DENI website. The school has engaged with the BELB in its Strategic Partnership programme and has been identified as an 'anchor school' for this area. With this in mind, it is the vision of the staff, Governors, parents and children, in partnership with the Education Authorities, to secure new premises for Carr's Glen Primary School.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION & PROCEDURES

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admissions criteria and will exercise its function and responsibilities in relation to their application. The school will give preference to children who are of compulsory school age. If the school is then over-subscribed, the following criteria will be applied in the order indicated.

- 1 Children whose brothers/sisters or half-brothers/sisters or foster children from the same family unit will be attending the school in 2012-2013.
- 2 Children who have a parent or guardian employed in the school or the school kitchen.
- 3 Children who are the eldest, or only child in a family.
- 4 Children who have a family connection with the school.
- 5 Children who live nearest to the school. Distance from home to school being measured on an ordnance survey map as a straight line from the child's home to the main entrance of the school.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA –YEARS 2-7

Pupils will be considered for enrolment provided that:

- (i) the school would not exceed its enrolment; and
- (ii) in the opinion of the Board of Governors their admission would not prejudice the efficient use of the schools resources.

If at any time of consideration of the application, there are more eligible applicants than places available then the Admissions Criteria for entry to Year 1 of pupils of compulsory school age will be applied.

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 Form. 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 Form.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	29	29
2010	49	49
2011	31	31

Principal: L McGuckin B.Ed (hons) M.Ed PQH NI

Admission No: 58

Enrolment No: 390

Cavehill Primary School, which was founded in 1844, is situated in a pleasant five acre setting on the lower slopes of the Cavehill. A new school building has recently been opened. Facilities include 14 classrooms, spacious play areas, libraries, an Assembly Hall and a large sportsfield. The new building contains numerous environmentally friendly features including: solar cells, a wind turbine and rain water harvesting.

The school seeks to provide a broadly based programme in line with the Northern Ireland Curriculum. It expects from its pupils high standards of behaviour and academic effort. Pupils wear an agreed uniform and are encouraged to be courteous, obedient and well-mannered.

A caring ethos is projected and reinforced through constructive relationships with parents. Parent/Teacher interviews, consultations, meetings and written reports on pupils progress, help to foster positive co-operation as does membership of an active and supportive Parent Teacher Association.

Pupils are involved in a range of activities which are designed to develop their appreciation of an exciting and ever widening world. Swimming, Hockey, Football, Recorders, Choir and Instrumental Tuition are each introduced and, in turn, form the foundation for league and cup competitions, galas, music festivals and an outstanding annual school concert. After school activities also include cycling proficiency, soccer coaching, choral work, table tennis, dancing, cookery and rugby.

A comprehensive programme of educational visits is undertaken which includes class outings of a local nature as well as residential located in various parts of Northern Ireland and the mainland.

The Board of Governors has drawn up the School's admission criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- 1 Children who have siblings currently attending this school (name and year group).
- 2 Children whose siblings have previously attended this school, provided this information is shown on the application form (name and dates of attendance).
- 3 Children of teachers currently employed in the school.
- 4 If there are places still to be filled, those children living closest to the school shall be admitted until all places are allocated. Any distance from home to school being measured on an ordnance survey map as a straight line from the child's home to the main entrance of the school.

- 5 If over-subscribed in any of the above criteria, taken in order, final selection will be on the basis of the initial letter of the surname in the order set down below. The surname used will be as registered on the birth certificate or as subsequently legally changed and documented.

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The order was determined by a randomized selection of letters of the alphabet. In the event of surnames with the same initial letter the subsequent letter of the surname will be used in alphabetical order.

In the event of two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initial letter of the first forename as registered on the birth certificate will be used. In the event of first forenames beginning with the same letter the subsequent letters of the forename will be used.

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 Form. 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 Form.

Admission to P1 after 1 September 2011

In the event of a place becoming available after 1 September 2011, the above criteria will be applied to any unselected applicants whose parents have informed the school in writing that they wish to keep their application open and to any new applications.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	58	52
2010	78	58
2011	66	58

Principal: Miss B McMullen, MED, BEd, DASE, PQH

Admission No: 48

Enrolment No: 338

School Description

Cliftonville Primary became an 'Integrated' school in September 2009 and it is open to pupils of any denomination.

The present enrolment is approximately 160 children in P1-7 classes, with an additional 26 places in the Nursery class. The staff consists of the Principal and ten teachers.

Cliftonville Integrated Primary School seeks to provide a broadly-based curriculum, which serves the needs of its children. A friendly, caring atmosphere exists within a disciplined framework to enable all pupils to benefit fully from their time at school. All pupils are expected to wear the prescribed school uniform.

Pupils being admitted to Cliftonville are invited to school with their parents prior to admission. A further meeting for parents is held early in the school year at which additional guidance is given to help parents and children establish good relationships and practices.

Parents receive written reports on children once during the year; in addition to formal opportunities for parent/teacher interviews the school operates an open policy encouraging dialogue between home and school.

Services held at Harvest, Christmas and Easter are important features of school life and are well supported by parents. A variety of after-school sports activities are provided for P5-7 pupils.

Function of the Board of Governors and Principal in relation to Admissions

The function of the Board of Governors is to determine the criteria for admissions to the school; it delegates to the principal and such staff as he may nominate responsibility for applying criteria to applicants for admission.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The school will give preference to children who are of compulsory school age. If the school is then over-subscribed, the following criteria will be applied in the order indicated.

Preference will be given to children:

- 1 Who have a brother/sister or half-brother/sister in attendance at Cliftonville at the time of application.
- 2 Who are currently enrolled in the school's nursery class.

- 3 Who have a parent or guardian employed in the school or the school kitchen on the date when the application form was received.
- 4 Whose parent, brother/sister or half-brother /sister presently attends or formerly attended Cliftonville Primary School or Cliftonville Infant/Junior School prior to their amalgamation to form the present school, provided this information is shown on the form
- 5 Whose close relative (i.e. grandparent, uncle, aunt or cousin) presently attends or formerly attended Cliftonville Primary School or Cliftonville Infant/Junior School prior to their amalgamation to form the present school, provided this information is shown on the form.
- 6 Who live nearest to the school as measured by drawing a straight line from the child's home (as shown on the application form) to the school gate on an official map.

During the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	27	27
2010	33	33
2011	35	35

Principal: Mrs Helen Hamilton B.Ed DASE M.Ed

Admission No: 29

Enrolment No: 203

SCHOOL PRINCIPLES

Cranmore Integrated Primary School aims to provide a broad and enriched curriculum which not only reflects the external demands of the Northern Ireland Curriculum but also the all-ability character and integrative purpose of the school itself.

The school is committed to providing an opportunity for children from different religious, cultural and social backgrounds to develop an understanding, respect and appreciation of their common and distinct cultures. In particular the two major traditions in Northern Ireland. It ensures that all children are equally cherished, nurtured and respected, irrespective of religion, gender, race or ability.

The school aims to promote a happy and caring environment centred on the needs of the child in preparing him or her for a creative and satisfying life in a society of diverse cultures and religions. Children are encouraged to participate in the wide range of after school activities and to give of their time and talents to others both within the school and the wider community. Cranmore aims to develop in its pupils a sense of belonging to and a pride in their school.

It aims to promote the involvement of parents in the life of the school and to develop close links with the local community in which it serves and by whom it is valued.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's Admissions Criteria. It has delegated to the Principal and Admissions Sub-Committee its function in relation to the application of these criteria. The criteria are designed to ensure that there is a reasonable balance between the numbers of children from the two main cultural traditions in Northern Ireland as outlined in the Statement of Principles of the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education.

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 Application Form.

The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by the school can result in the withdrawal of a place and the inability to offer a place on the part of the school nominated on the Application Form.

In the event of the school being over-subscribed the Admissions Sub-Committee will list all applicants in order of priority by selecting those who fall into the following categories in the order set out below:

- 1 Children of compulsory school age who have or have had a brother/sister, half-brother/sister already enrolled in the school.

- 2 Children of compulsory school age whose parents/guardians are presently permanent members of the school's staff and/or Board of Governors.
- 3 Children of compulsory school age who have attended Cranmore IPS Playgroup and whose admission to Cranmore Integrated Primary School will maintain an overall ratio of 45% Catholic, 45% Protestant and 10% of children from other religious backgrounds and/or none in any intake year, following the application of criteria 1 and 2.
- 4 Children of compulsory school age who are considered by the admissions sub-committee to be deserving of special consideration on the basis of special medical, personal or social circumstances where this is supported by evidence from parent and statutory agency and whose admission is not incompatible with the provision of efficient education for other children.
- 5 Children of compulsory school age who are the eldest or only child in the family.

If over-subscribed in any of the above criteria, taken in order, final selection will be on the basis of the initial letter of the surname in the order set down below. The surname used will be as registered on the birth certificate or as subsequently legally changed and documented.

- 6 All other children of compulsory school age, with the oldest being admitted first.

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The order was determined by a randomised selection of letters of the alphabet.

In the event of surnames beginning with the same letter the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order.

In the event of 2 identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initial letter of the first forename as registered on the birth certificate will be used. In the event of first forenames beginning with the same letter the subsequent letters of the forename will be used.

Preference will be given to pupils resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission.

As the form from the Belfast Education and Library Board does not require parents to inform the school of the perceived religious background of the pupil, it is essential that the Pre-school Data Collection Form is completed, as this information is required by the admissions sub-committee to ensure that the religious balance is maintained.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	30	29
2010	39	30
2011	37	30

Acting Principal: Mrs A Galway

Admission No: 28

Enrolment No: 193

Currie Primary School was founded in 1860, originally in Cosgrove Street. In February 1990 it moved to its present site in the Mountcollyer Centre.

The bright, spacious accommodation consists of a superb Assembly Hall, an attractive library/resource room and 8 well equipped classrooms all with interactive whiteboards. Recent additions to the school include a Parent's Room, Toddler Room, SEN Room, a Multi-Sensory Room and a new ICT suite.

The school offers a broad and balanced curriculum as required by the N.I. Curriculum and from Primary 1 onwards children with learning difficulties receive regular specialist support.

Extra-curricular activities include, Choir, Scripture Union, Drama/Dance, Football, Gymnastics and Film Clubs and children are very keen to participate both before and after school. All key stage 2 are involved in a range of instrument tuition – including Ukuleles.

Our discipline and pastoral care policies seek to provide children with a secure and happy environment. These policies are available to the parents of children seeking admission to the school.

We encourage parents to become involved in their children's education through parent interviews with class teachers, special assemblies, workshops and meetings. A successful Parents Programme allows parents to become involved in their child's education at a very early stage. The Sunshine Playgroup has also been established in the school with excellent results.

All children are encouraged to wear the school uniform of a white/blue shirt, grey skirt/trousers, maroon sweater with the school logo.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has established the school's admissions criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to their application.

- 1 Children who are brother/sister (half-brother/half-sister) of children already attending the school.
- 2 Children of full time employees of Currie Primary School.
- 3 Children who have other family connections with the school, e.g., children of 'former pupils'.

- 4 Resident within the area for which Currie Primary School is the nearest school.
- 5 Resident outside the area for which Currie Primary School is the nearest school, but who have to be looked after by relations who live within the school area.
- 6 Resident outside the area for which Currie Primary School is the nearest school.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	21	21
2010	18	18
2011	20	20

**DONEGALL ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
MALDON STREET
BELFAST
BT12 6HE**

Controlled School

Telephone No: 028 9032 3018

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Principal: M.D. Hutton B.Ed., D.A.S.E.

Admission No: 45

Enrolment No: 316

Donegall Road Primary School is a bright modern building constructed in 1970. Accommodation consists of nine classrooms, one of which is set up as a Music and Art room, one Special Needs room, two study centres, a well-equipped library, a computer suite and an assembly hall with an extensive range of physical education apparatus. School meals are served in the Assembly Hall. In addition the school has two playgrounds with extensive play equipment and markings

In Donegall Road Primary School we believe that children should get the best possible start to their education. Parents are encouraged to be involved in their children's education and are kept well informed through interviews, meetings and newsheets. The school has a very active Parent/Staff Association.

This school aims to provide a broad and balanced general education within the framework of the N.I. Curriculum and to encourage each pupil to achieve their potential in a caring, Christian atmosphere. Our Good Behaviour Policy seeks to provide pupils with a happy, caring, safe, hygienic environment in which to learn. This policy is made available to all parents.

Extra-curricular activities include a Good News Club, Art, Choir, Multi-Sports, Rugby, Monkeynastix, Irish Dancing, Football, Netball, Drama, Cinemagic, Computers and Magazine Club.

We are delighted to promote ICT within the school and our Primary 4 and Primary 7 children take part in the ICT accreditation overseen by CCEA.

All children are expected to wear the school uniform of blue sweatshirt or fleece, red polo shirt, dark skirt or trousers and dark shoes.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admissions criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to their application. In the event of the school being oversubscribed these criteria will be used in the order in which they are set down.

- 1 Only children of compulsory school age (i.e. children born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to Primary One.
- 2 Priority will be given to those children who will have a brother and/or sister (including half-brother and/or half-sister) enrolled in this school in the school year 2012/2013.
- 3 Priority will be given to those children who are the eldest, or only child in a family.

- 4 Those places remaining will be filled on the basis of the distance from the Parent's Home to the front gate of the school (i.e. those living nearer will be admitted before those living further away).

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	27	27
2010	21	21
2011	34	34

DUNDELA INFANTS' SCHOOL
Wilgar Street
BELFAST
BT4 3BL

Controlled Co-Educational School

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Principal: Miss S H Mackey

Admission No: 84

Enrolment No: 252

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Dundela Infants' School is situated on a pleasant site between Dundela Avenue and Wilgar Street. It was purpose built as an Infants School in 1978 and caters for children in the P1 - P3 age range. Dundela is one of three feeder schools to Strandtown Primary School.

The building consists of a Nursery Unit, 3 Infant Units, Library, Assembly/Dining Hall, Offices and School Meals Kitchen. Each Infant Unit houses 3 classrooms with access to a shared play area and quiet room. The Nursery Unit is an integral part of the school.

The school, individual classrooms and play areas are well equipped with much emphasis placed on structured activities. Interactive whiteboards have recently been installed in all classrooms.

A wide and balanced curriculum is provided by an experienced staff who work hard to ensure that the children learn in a supportive and caring environment.

Parents are greatly valued by the school and are encouraged to participate in their child's education. Parent/teacher interviews are held in October and March each year. There is an active PTA which supports the school in many ways.

Any parent wishing to visit the school may do so by making an appointment with the Principal.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admissions criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admissions of pupils to the school.

Only children of compulsory school age (ie children born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to the school. In the event of the school being oversubscribed the Governors will select children for admission to primary one using the admissions criteria set out below.

The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set down. When so applying the criteria, should the number of children who satisfy the requirement of any criterion exceed the number of places still available within the school's admissions number, the remaining criteria (ie those not yet applied) will be applied successively and in the order set down, to the group of children who satisfied the criterion which caused the number of places available to be exceeded, until all of the available places have been allocated.

Priority will be given to children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of proposed admission.

Admissions Criteria for Primary 1 Classes Dundela Infants' School for September 2012

- 1 Children who have a brother/sister, half brother/half sister, or other children who are living permanently at the same address currently attending Dundela Infants' School (P1 - P3 classes).
- 2 Children who have a brother /sister, half brother/half sister or other children who are living permanently at the same address currently attending Strandtown Primary School.
- 3 Children who are attending the Nursery Unit during the 2011/2012 school year.
- 4 Children who have a parent/guardian in permanent employment in Dundela Infants' School.
- 5 Children who have a parent/guardian in permanent employment in Strandtown Primary School.
- 6 Places will be granted in order of priority determined by the proximity of the child's **permanent** residence to the school. Distance will be determined by a straight line measurement generated electronically using the computer programme provided by Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equidistant for the final place, preference will be given to the oldest child.

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 Form. 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 Form.

Admissions Criteria for Primary 2 and 3 classes for September 2012

- 1 Pupils seeking admission who have been previously enrolled in Dundela Infants' School and are transferring back from Special Education.
- 2 Providing that places are available in the year group, the criteria as for entrance to Primary 1 will be applied (as stated above).

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	70	70
2010	78	78
2011	79	79

**EDENBROOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL
TENNENT STREET
BELFAST
BT13 3GG**

Controlled School

**Telephone No: 028 9035 1528
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Principal: Mr J Manning, B Ed Hons PQH

Admission No: 58

Enrolment No: 408

Edenbrooke is an all-through Primary School. There are twenty classrooms in use for class teaching and group/individual teaching. 11/2 teachers are employed solely for Special Needs. There is a fantastic safe play area for the infants, a school Library, one fully equipped computer suite and an all weather flood lit astro turf sports facility.

It is the aim of the Staff to provide a caring and ordered environment where the children can proceed at their own pace of learning. The help of parents is sought to achieve and maintain this aim. Parents are welcome to discuss at any time problems involving their children's welfare and/or discipline. The Head of Special Needs has particular responsibility with regards to pastoral care.

Both formal and informal interviews are made available to parents to enable them to discuss the educational progress of their children. It has been the practice to provide parents with written reports on their child's progress on a yearly basis. In this context parents are asked to participate in the learning process by overseeing their children's homework and by taking an interest in their children's classwork.

At various stages in their school career, children as part of the curriculum, enjoy participating in swimming, school concerts, educational visits, athletics, hockey, football, EMU, choir, school trips, African and samba drumming.

The school operates a breakfast club from 8.15 am. Various activities take place before school.

There are several after school clubs – homework, computer, monkeynastix, scripture union and various sports. These run from 3.00 – 4.00 pm.

Another feature of school life has been the generous support given by pupils, parents and friends for charities.

The school has a uniform which you are invited to purchase for your child. It consists of black or red sweatshirt, grey or red fleece, red polo shirt or tee shirt, black or grey trousers/skirt, grey or white socks and black shoes (if possible).

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admission criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria to the admission of pupils to the school.

Only children of compulsory school age (i.e. those born between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to the school. In the event of the school being over-subscribed the Governors will select children for admission to primary one using the admissions criteria set out below. The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set down.

- 1 Children who will have a brother/sister or half brother/sister enrolled in the school year 2012/2013.
- 2 Children who have parents who attended the school.
- 3 Children whose parents will be permanent employees of the school in 2012/2013.
- 4 If places remain, then the governors will award them to children on the basis of the walking distance from the front door of their home to the main gate of the school, priority being given to those who live the shortest distance from the school.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	31	31
2010	34	34
2011	36	36

Principal: Mr John Devine

Admission No: 61

Enrolment No: 425

Edmund Rice CB Primary School was opened in June 1967 as a replacement for St Patrick's CB Primary School, Donegall Street which had been established in November 1866.

The aim of the school is to develop the full potential of each child – spiritually, academically, socially and physically – so that he may become a well-integrated person who realises in his life the Christian ideals set before him at home and in school.

It is expected that the parents who wish that their son be accepted into the school are in support of its ethos and will also accept all the school's rules and regulations.

The Board of Governors will at all times be guided by the evidence/recommendation (written or verbal) supplied by statutory (health and/or education) agencies in respect of pupils seeking admission to the school.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Only boys of compulsory school age (i.e. born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive) and resident in Northern Ireland on 1 September 2011 will be admitted to Edmund Rice Primary School.

In the event of the school being oversubscribed the Governors will select boys for admission to Primary 1 using the admissions criteria set out below.

- 1 a) Boys who have brothers or half-brothers attending/who have attended the school and whose families have shown support of its ethos and that they also accept all the school's rules and regulations.
b) Boys who have sisters attending Star of the Sea Girls' Primary School, Churchill Street.
- 2 a) Boys whose parent/guardian/uncle are past pupils of the school or of St Patrick's CB Primary School.
b) Boys whose parent/guardian/uncle are past pupils of St Patrick's Primary School North Queen Street.
- 3 Boys who live in the immediate area of the school. In applying this criterion the Governors will award places to boys on the basis of walking distance from the front door of their home to the main gate of the school, priority will be given to those boys whose permanent address is the shortest distance from the school.
- 4 Boys whose parent/guardian is presently a permanent member of the school teaching/ancillary/auxiliary staff.

- 5 Boys who are considered by the Governors to be deserving of special consideration because of social/medical factors where such factors are supported by written evidence from the parent/guardian and/or statutory agencies.

Admissions to Year 1 post 1 September 2012 will be subject to normal entry criteria. The criteria will be applied by a sub committee of the Board of Governors of Edmund Rice CB Primary School.

All information pertaining to the educational, social and emotional well being of pupils must be made available, in confidence, to the school on admission.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	31	31
2010	47	47
2011	40	40

Acting Principal: Miss A Brown BA(Hon) PGCE PQH MEd

Admission No: 85

Enrolment No: 592

The governors, staff and parents of Elmgrove Primary School seek to provide a stimulating, caring and safe environment for our whole school community, thus enabling all pupils to become effective learners and to develop the skills, attitudes and values necessary for life.

A broad curriculum is provided through which we aim to give our pupils the opportunity to experience success taking account of their different rates and styles of learning. Children who experience learning difficulties are given additional support in a variety of ways within their own classroom or on a withdrawal group basis. A range of resources are being developed to support children for whom English is an additional language. Each child is expected to work to the best of his/her ability and to become a responsible member of the whole school community.

An extensive range of after-school clubs (including several sports, choir, orchestra, recorder group, dance, drama, art, thinking skills, French, Scripture Union) offer pupils the opportunity to further develop their existing skills and interests and to learn new ones.

Our pastoral care provision focuses on promoting our pupils' personal, social and emotional development, fostering positive attitudes and ensuring that effective support systems are in place should concerns be identified. As a health promoting school we encourage pupils to eat healthily at break and lunchtimes and to participate in a variety of physical activities.

Elmgrove enjoys a high degree of support from parents who are encouraged to take an active interest in their children's learning. Our Parent Teacher Association is very successful in organising a wide range of social events and raising funds to purchase additional resources.

Our commitment to further developing partnerships is evidenced by the recent creation of a Community Room in which parents, carers and other members of our local community are encouraged to meet, share experiences, attend workshops and access information regarding parenting skills, community services and support agencies.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Only pupils of compulsory school age will be considered for admission to the school. In the event of the number of applications exceeding the school's admissions number for that year, the criteria listed below will apply in the order stated.

Preference will be given to children:

- 1 whose brother or sister or half brother or half sister attends or attended the school.
- 2 who are the eldest or only children in their family and are living within a one mile radius of the school as measured on the Ordnance Survey, Belfast Street Plan.

- 3 with a parent who is a former pupil of the school
- 4 who have a parent employed by the school
- 5 who live nearest the school in terms of actual walking distance as measured on the Ordnance Survey, Belfast Street Plan.

Those seeking admission after September 2012 will be subject to criteria 1-5 in that order of priority. Those seeking admission to classes will be subject to criteria 1–5 in that order of priority.

The governors have resolved to delegate to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of the above criteria and admission of pupils to the school.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	74	74
2010	77	77
2011	81	81

Principal: B Beattie, MEd BEd (Hons) Dip Phys.Ed

Admission No: 51

Enrolment No: 359

Euston Street Primary School is the oldest primary school in the area and has established a fine reputation providing a sound, all round education for its pupils. Parents and grandparents continue to send their children to Euston Street because they know that it provides the best in educational opportunity.

We aim to provide a happy, safe and secure environment where the intellectual, physical, technical, creative, spiritual and personal development of each child is promoted through a balanced, broad and stimulating education within the framework of the Revised Northern Ireland Curriculum. We have a variety of school clubs and activities - sports, music, scripture union, foreign languages, drama, art, board games, computers and cycling proficiency.

The Pastoral Care of pupils is at the forefront of our learning and teaching programme. There is a behavioural code of conduct and parents wishing to send their child to Euston Street are expected to support and promote this code.

We believe that we can offer a comprehensive educational opportunity for any child in our area. There are more detailed information booklets available on the school organisation and policies. If you would like further information please contact the school at the above address.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admission criteria and has delegated to the principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

Only children of compulsory school age, (ie children born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to the school. In the event of the school being oversubscribed the Board of Governors will admit pupils according to the criteria set out below.

The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set down. When so applying the criteria, should the number of children who satisfy the requirement of any criterion exceed the number of places still available within the school's admissions number, the remaining criteria (ie those not yet applied) will be applied successively and in the order set down, to the group of children who satisfied the criterion which caused the number of places available to be exceeded, until all of the available places have been allocated.

- 1 Children who have brothers/sisters, half-brothers/sisters or other relations attending the school.
- 2 Children who attended the nursery unit of the school during 2011/2012.

- 3 Children who live closest to the school. In applying this criterion the closest to the school will be determined by the shortest walking distance from the front door of their home to the main gate of the school by a recognised public route.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	35	35
2010	35	35
2011	32	32

**FANE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL
FANE STREET
BELFAST
BT9 7BW**

Controlled Co-Educational School

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Principal: Mr S Orr M.Ed B.Ed(Hons) PQH (NI)

Admission No: 71

Enrolment No: 495

Fane Street Primary School opened in 1976, occupying premises built in 1929.

The building is bright, extremely well-maintained and spacious. In addition to 15 classrooms, we have a large assembly hall, a gymnasium, a music room, an art room, a computer suite, a well-stocked library utilising a computerised cataloguing system and a Parents' Room. Each classroom has an interactive whiteboard and access to computer lap tops which are on a mobile trolley.

There are two enclosed gardens which have recently been refurbished with state-of-the-art outdoor play equipment, an outdoor classroom and a vegetable patch. The gardens support our environmental studies programme and outdoor play policies and we have achieved the silver award level of the Eco Schools programme. The school has been highly commended for several years in the Best Kept School competition and was named the Best Kept School in Belfast for 2011.

We provide a broad and balanced Northern Ireland Curriculum in a caring and friendly atmosphere. Staff expertise is used to provide high-quality teaching where individual needs are catered for; and additional help is made available to children with learning difficulties and for Newcomer pupils where English is their second language. After school activities provide children from P1-7 with a wide variety of sporting and creative opportunities.

We encourage a high degree of responsibility and self-discipline among our pupils, and we have high expectations of them. Children actively participate in our School Council meetings. We expect our children to wear school uniform and we appreciate the support of parents regarding this matter.

Co-operation between home and school is an essential element in the effectiveness of the school and the education and development of our children. Parents are encouraged to take an active part in the life of the school and regular meetings occur between staff and parents.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admissions criteria and has delegated to the Principal its functions and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

Only children of compulsory school age (children born on or between 2nd July 2007 and 1st July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to the school. In the event of the school being over-subscribed the Governors will select children for admission to Primary 1 using the admissions criteria set out below. The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set down.

When so applying the criteria, should the number of children who satisfy the requirement of any criterion exceed the number of places still available within the school's admissions number, the remaining criteria (ie those not yet applied) will be applied successively and in the order set down, to the group of children who satisfied the criterion which caused the number of places available to be exceeded, until all of the available places have been allocated.

- 1 Children who will have a brother, sister, half brother and/or half sister enrolled in the primary school during the school year 2011/2012.
- 2 Children who attended the nursery unit of the school in the school year 2011/2012.
- 3 Children who have had a sibling enrolled in the school previously. **(Name, dates and year group of attendance to be provided by parent on application form)**
- 4 Children who will have a family member enrolled in the school during the school year 2011/2012.
- 5 Children who have had a family member enrolled in the school during the period 2006/07 - 2010/11. **(Name, dates and year group of attendance to be provided by parent on application form)**
- 6 The proximity of the school to the child's permanent residence on the date of application.

Please Note: Family member is defined as cousin/half-cousin, aunt, uncle, step-aunt or step-uncle. ***It is the responsibility of the parent to provide evidence in support of this claim.***

NB. Proximity will be determined by straight line measurement between the front gate of the school and the child's residence as measured on a large scale Ordnance Survey map.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	19	19
2010	26	26
2011	36	36

**FINAGHY PRIMARY SCHOOL
FINAGHY ROAD SOUTH
BELFAST
BT10 ODR**

Controlled School

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www.finaghyprimaryschool.co.uk

Principal: Mr A S Mackay, BEd, DASE, MEd

Admission No: 66

Enrolment No: 465

The school is situated on a spacious, seven acre site which includes a grass football pitch, an all weather games pitch and extensive playground areas. In addition to classroom accommodation, there is an assembly hall, meals kitchen, canteen and central library. Each classroom is equipped with an interactive whiteboard.

At Easter 2004 we opened our doors to a brand new school, custom designed to prepare today's children for tomorrow's world.

Within the new campus we operate 'Wraparound Care'. Pupils can arrive for breakfast from 8.00am onwards and our Daycare facility is open from 2pm – 6pm term-time, and from 8am – 6pm during the school holidays. The campus also includes a school/community sports zone, a public library and a pre-school centre.

The school has a record of high academic achievement with due emphasis being placed on the basic subjects. However, a broad view of education is taken in order to cater for the overall development of the pupils and opportunities exist to participate in a wide range of curricular and extra curricular activities.

The orchestra, band and choirs play an important part in the life of the school including drama productions, carol services, and morning assembly. Instrumental tuition in strings, woodwind and brass is provided by the City of Belfast School of Music tutors to pupils selected on aptitude.

Visits to local places of interest are regularly undertaken as are educational trips to various parts of Great Britain. Strong links are maintained with the local community and the Parent-Teacher Association plays an important and active role in the life of the school.

The educational progress and welfare of each pupil are of paramount importance and regular communication is maintained through written reports, interviews and parents' evenings.

Pupils are expected to wear uniform, maintain a high standard of behaviour and show respect towards individuals and the environment. This is reflected by the fact that the school has received the 'Best Kept Primary School Award' (Belfast Region) in two successive years from the Northern Ireland Amenity Council.

Despite being a large primary school we pride ourselves on maintaining a caring family atmosphere and view ourselves as partners alongside parents in the education of our pupils. Prospective parents are always welcome to phone or call personally to see us at work. You can also visit our website at www.finaghyprimaryschool.co.uk.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

In the event of the school being over-subscribed, the Board of Governors in consultation with the Principal will apply the following criteria in the order set down.

- 1 Children who have a brother or sister already enrolled in the school.
- 2 Children who have a parent employed by the school.
- 3 Children whose brothers, sisters, parents or guardians previously attended the school.
- 4 Proximity to the school as determined by Google Maps.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

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 Form. 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 Form.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	64	64
2010	71	66
2011	74	66

**FORGE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL
20 CAROLAN ROAD
BELFAST
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Controlled Integrated School

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Principal: Mr N Watson B.Ed(Hons) PQH(NI)

www.forgeips.co.uk

Admission No: 36

Enrolment No: 250

Ethos

At Forge Integrated Primary School we aim to provide an integrated learning environment which seeks to develop well rounded individuals, by encouraging enquiring minds and promoting self respect for others. Whilst mainly Christian we strive to create a school community which is fully inclusive and values the active contribution of all involved with the school.

History

Forge is one of Northern Ireland's longest established integrated schools. The school opened in 1985, the result of a determined effort of a group of parents with a vision for a shared future for their children. Against this backdrop the staff, governors, pupils and parents at Forge have developed into a forward looking and inclusive school community.

Curriculum

Our school offers a warm, friendly atmosphere and a staff team dedicated to finding the best in all of our children and helping them to succeed. Our modern building is well equipped to give pupils a great start in life. Teaching and Learning is carefully structured and teachers plan on the basis of delivering the curriculum and meeting children's needs as identified through assessment. We also offer a number of additional activities at various points throughout the school year which can include hockey, swimming, Gaelic football, tennis, sign language, music/movement, drama, choir and cycling proficiency.

School of Music tutors visit the school for strings, brass and woodwind tuition each week. A Spanish tutor works with our P2 and P3 pupils weekly. In addition to the Northern Ireland RE curriculum we also have denominational RE classes for Catholic Sacramental preparation and Integrating Studies – a programme designed to challenge negative attitudes, values and practices in society and inform children of world faiths.

We have been part of the enriched curriculum and linguistic phonics programmes and as these teaching and learning styles are absorbed into the revised curriculum we are well equipped to give our children the best possible start to their education.

In addition to the special needs support given through the BELB for learning, hearing and language we also have our own learning support teacher.

Parents

We are proud of the close links and co-operation between home and school, which creates a family environment at Forge Integrated Primary School. School doors open at 8.50 am each morning and parents/careers are welcomed into the classrooms to settle their children or speak informally with the teacher. Parents who wish to can also send their children to our Breakfast Club from 8.00am for which there is a small charge to cover costs.

Formal lessons start at 9.00 am. Parent information meetings are arranged early in the first term when staff outline teaching and learning programmes and expectations for the year.

Individual parent/teacher interviews are held twice a year and we also hold an open afternoon.

Parents are encouraged to help in the school and on educational visits. Parents are a major part of our school, pre-school and governors. All parents are invited to play an active role in our Parent Teacher Association whether organising or supporting our termly events. Our Pupils Council is an elected group of pupils from various classes who put forward pupils' issues on behalf of their peers and contribute to school development.

P1

We have 2 meetings for parents and children in the summer term to acquaint all with the school and staff. New families are also encouraged to come to our barbeque evening in June. Prospective parents wishing to visit the school can arrange an appointment at any time by phoning the school office.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admissions criteria and has delegated to the principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

In the event of the school receiving more applications than can be accommodated within the admissions numbers determined by the Department of education the following policy and criteria will be applied.

Only children of compulsory age will be admitted to the school.

- 1 Children who have a brother(s)/sister(s), half-brother(s)/half-sister(s) already enrolled at Forge Integrated Primary School.
- 2 Children who have attended Forge Integrated Pre-school during the previous year.
- 3 Children who are the only, or eldest in their family.
- 4 Children whose brother(s)/sister(s), half-brother(s)/half-sister(s) previously attended the school.
- 5 Children whose admission to Forge Integrated Primary School will help maintain a ratio of as close to 40% Catholic, 40% Protestant and 20% from other faiths or none as possible.

The onus is on the parents to make clear under which religious category they wish an application to be considered. The religious background of pupils will be determined in the first instance by the information parents put on a child's Forge Integrated Primary School Pupil Information Form (FIPS) which is available from the school office.

Where parents are of different religious backgrounds and do not state a specific designation for a child then the religious background of the mother (or other adult with parental responsibility if the mother's information is not available) as stated on the FIPS form will be deemed to be the religious background of the child.

In the case of a FIPS form not having been submitted perceived religious background will be determined by:

1 The religious background a parent or carer has stated on the ELB enrolment form.

2 When there is no information at all as to the religious background of a child then the school may seek clarification from a parent. If a child is not designated either Protestant or Catholic then the application will be considered under 20% of applications in the other faiths and none category.

In each of the above criteria (1-5) consideration will be given to children with special circumstances of a medical or social nature as long as the school can meet the educational needs of that child.

In the event of over-subscription and there being a tie-break situation in the last criterion which can be applied then selection for all places remaining in this category will be on the basis of:

1 In the first instance children whose parents have elected Forge Integrated Primary School or another Integrated Primary School as their first preference (in order to honour our commitment to offering Integrated places to those parents for whom this is an important feature of their child's education) and;

2 In the event of there being a further tie break the initial letter of the child's surname in the order set out below:

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

The order was determined by a randomised selection of letters of the alphabet.

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.

Priority will be given to children who are resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission.

“Applicants should note that they may be required to produce documents verifying their address”.

After 1 September 2011 and during the 2011/2012 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Charging and Remission Policy

This will be in keeping with the requirements of the Education Reform Order 1989 and BELB policy.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	38	38
2010	37	37
2011	58	45

Principal: Mrs L Rankin BEd, MEd, PQH, PGDipEd, LTCL

Admission No: 30

Enrolment No: 232

Forth River Primary School was established in 1841. In 2003 we moved into our modern building situated in its own grounds off the Ballygomartin Road.

The school aims to develop each child's potential at all levels of ability in a friendly, caring and well-disciplined environment. The children follow a broad and balanced curriculum using a blend of traditional and modern methods. Additional help is available for pupils with specific needs. High standards of behaviour and effort are set and pupils are expected to wear school uniform everyday.

At Forth River, we pride ourselves on maintaining a caring family atmosphere and view ourselves as partners alongside parents in the education of our pupils. Parents are encouraged to discuss problems involving their children's welfare and/or discipline. Both formal and informal interviews are made available to parents to enable them to discuss the educational progress of their children and a written report is sent out at the end of each school year.

Parents and Primary 1 pupils will be invited to the school in the summer term to visit the classroom and become acquainted with school life.

Prospective parents wishing to visit the school may do so by making an appointment with the principal.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS TO YEAR ONE IN SEPTEMBER 2012 AND AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR.

In order to select children for admission in the event of being over-subscribed the following criteria will be applied successively and in the order given.

- 1 Children who have reached compulsory school age and are resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission will be selected for admission before any child not resident.
- 2 If the number of applicants who satisfy criterion one exceeds the admissions number the following sub-criteria will be applied successively and in the order stated:
 - 2.1 children who have a brother or sister already enrolled at the school;
 - 2.2 children whose brothers or sisters attended the school; **(Names and Dates of Attendance)**
 - 2.3 children who have family members working in the school.
 - 2.4 children who are fostered

2.5 children who live nearest the school as measured by the digital Ordnance Survey Map.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

The Board of Governors has resolved to delegate to the principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of the above criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

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 Form. 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 Form.

After September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the schools admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	42	30
2010	30	30
2011	42	30

GAELSCOIL AN LONNAIN
61 FALLS ROAD (Dunlewey Centre)
OLD SAINT FINIAN'S SCHOOL
BELFAST
BT12 4PD

Grant Maintained School

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Principal: Ciara McBride

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Admission No: 20

Enrolment No: 71

Gaelscoil an Lonnáin is an Irish Medium Primary School, which was established in 1999 and gained recognition in June 2005. The curriculum is delivered through the medium of the Irish language. Pupils attending Gaelscoil an Lonnáin will become bilingual. Fluency in two languages at such an early age has proven to be advantageous to the pupils' personal, social and cultural development. Parents of pupils attending Gaelscoil an Lonnáin have the opportunity to attend Irish class.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- 1 Children of compulsory school age who have completed a satisfactory immersion programme in Naíscoil an Lonnáin.
- 2 Children of compulsory school age who have/had a brother or sister presently at the school.

Priority will be given to:

- Children who have/had close relatives attending Gaelscoil an Lonnáin.
- Children from the immediate vicinity, ie Greater Lower Falls area.

Aims

Gaelscoil an Lonnáin offers children the opportunity to be taught all subjects of the Common Curriculum through the medium of Irish.

Extra-curricular activities include swimming, attending local library and music lessons.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	10	10
2010	4	4
2011	5	5

Principal: Ms Áine Andrews

Admission No: 28

Enrolment No: 290

Gaelscoil na bhFál is an Irish-medium school in which the curriculum is taught through Irish. The school is interdominational and is open to all children regardless of religious or political background. It embodies an ethos which:

- promotes Irish as a relevant and meaningful part of the children's lives;
- promotes Irish as a valuable asset within the community;
- recognises the values of diversity within our own society and in society at large;
- develops in children attitudes of respect, tolerance and justice towards others;
- involves parents as significant partners in their child's education.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

1. Children of compulsory school age who have spent their pre-school year in the school's nursery class.
2. Children of compulsory school age who have spent their pre-school year in an Irish-medium preschool facility other than the school's nursery class, on a full time basis.
3. Children of compulsory school age who have spent their pre-school year in an Irish-medium preschool facility other than the school's nursery class, on a part time basis.

Sub-criteria

In the case of over-subscription in criteria 2 + 3 the following sub criteria will apply

- a) Children of compulsory school age for whom Irish is a first language and who have completed the Gaelscoil na bhFál Expression of Interest Form.
- b) Children of compulsory school age for whom Irish is not a first language and who have completed the Gaelscoil na bhFál Expression of Interest Form.

In the event of continuing oversubscription in any of the above sub-criteria priority in the following order will be given to

- i children whose parents are currently permanent employees in Gaelscoil na bhFál.
- ii children whose parents are currently established employees in Ionad Úibh Eachach.
- iii children who are resident within the areas for which Gaelscoil na bhFál is the nearest Irish-medium school.
- iv children who are being minded or whose parents work within the areas for which Gaelscoil na bhFál is the nearest Irish-medium school.
- v children who are resident outside the area for which Gaelscoil na bhFál is the nearest Irish-medium school.

In the application of criteria iii and iv, proximity will be based on the shortest walking distance from the child's home to school measured along main route to the nearest school gate.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	27	27
2010	22	22
2011	24	24

Principal: Caireann Uí Mhuireagáin

Admission No: 21

Enrolment No: 125

Gaelscoil na Móna is an Irish Medium Primary School where the Revised Curriculum is delivered through the medium of Irish language. Pupils attending Gaelscoil na Móna will become bi-lingual. Fluency in two languages at such an early age has proven to be advantageous to the pupils' personal, emotional, social and cultural development. We actively promote the Revised Curriculum and encourage parents to become involved in their children's education. The community ethos of the school ensures that every person is valued equally.

Gaelscoil na Móna is an interdenominational school which celebrates all children regardless of religious or political background. There are open, strong and positive relationships between pupils, parents and staff in the school with the pupils whole development being the main aim. Parents of children attending Gaelscoil na Móna are encouraged to attend Irish classes which we provide.

We offer a wide range of Afterschool's and evening cultural activities.

Admissions criteria for entry of pupils in September 2012/2013

- 1 Children of compulsory school age who have completed a satisfactory Nursery immersion programme in Naíscóil na Móna.
- 2 Children of compulsory school age who have completed a satisfactory Nursery immersion programme in another Naíscóil other than that previously mentioned.
- 3 Children of compulsory school age whose parents have indicated an interest in Irish Medium Education but missed the opportunity for their child to have completed a satisfactory Nursery immersion programme.

Priority will be given to:

- A Children of compulsory school age who have brothers or sisters attending Gaelscoil na Móna.
- B Children whose parents use Irish in the home, or who have previously shown active involvement or interest in the recent revival of the Irish language in the community.
- C Children who have/had close relatives attending Gaelscoil na Móna.
- D Children from the catchment area of Gaelscoil na Móna.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	20	20
2010	13	13
2011	12	12

Principal: Caireann Uí Mhuireagáin

Uimhir Iontrála: 21

Uimhir chláráithe: 125

Is Pobalscoil Lán-Ghaeilge í Gaelscoil na Móna ina dteasgactar an Curaclam Leasaithe tríd an Ghaeilge. Beidh daltaí a dhéanann freastal ar Ghaelscoil na Móna dátheangach. Tá sé sé cruthaithe go bhfuil buntaistí ag baint le líofacht in dhá theanga ag aois chomh hóg sin i dtaca le forbairt phearsanta, intleachtúil, shóisialta agus chultúrtha an dalta. Is scoil idirchreidmheach i Gaelscoil na Móna. Is í an páiste croílár na scoile. Bíonn caidrimh oscailte agus láidir idir pháistí, tuismitheoirí agus fhoireann na scoile. Bítear ag súil go rachaidh tuismitheoirí dhalta Ghaelscoil na Móna chuig ranganna Gaeilge ionas go mbeidh said páirteach in oideachas a bpáistí féin. Leanann muid an Curaclam Leasaithe. Cinntíonn meon pobail na scoile go mbíonn meas cothrom tugtha do gach uile duine.

Cuireann muid réimse mór gníomhaíochtaí iarscoile agus eachtraí tráthnóna ar fail.

Critéir le haghaidh teacht isteach daltaí Meán Fómhair 2012/2013

- 1 Páistí d'aois éigeantach scoile a chríochnaigh clár sásúil tumoideachais i Naíscoil na Móna.
- 2 Páistí d'aois éigeantach scoile a chríochnaigh clár sásúil tumoideachais i Naíscoil eile seachas an ceann thuasluaite.
- 3 Páistí d'aois éigeantach scoile a léiríonn a dtuismitheoirí an-suim sa Ghaeloideachais ach a chaill an faill a gcuid páiste a chur fríd clár sásúil tumoideachais.

Fóchríteir

Tabharfar tús áite do:

- A. Páistí d'aois éigeantach scoile a bhfuil / raibh deartháir nó deifiúr acu ag freastal ar Ghaelscoil na Móna.
- B. Páistí tuismitheoirí a úsáideann an Ghaeilge mar theanga teallaigh, nó a thaispeáin suim nó a ghlac páirt ghníomhach in athbheochan na Gaeilge sa phobal.
- C. Páistí a bhfuil / raibh gaol acu ag freastal ar Ghaelscoil na Móna.
- D. Páistí ón scoil cheantar máguaird.

GLENWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Controlled Co-Educational School

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Principal: Mr T J Leathem

Admission No: 90

Enrolment No: 630

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Glenwood Primary School was established in 1981 through the amalgamation of Glenwood Infants and Junior Schools, both of which existed on the same site. The latter dating from the late 1920's and a listed building, the former being of 1960's construction. Plans are currently being considered for a multi-million pound refurbishment programme.

Located in Upper Riga Street with an entrance on the Shankill Road, the school serves children from a wide area centred on the upper Shankill district, and has witnessed a steady growth in enrolment for a number of years.

The school has adequate accommodation for 20 classes, a special needs unit, TV room and 2 assembly halls. The school library has been refurbished to provide a bright modern facility for all the children. A computer suite has recently been developed. A school meals kitchen is located within the grounds of the school. Plans to refurbish part of the school and to rebuild the remainder are at an advanced stage. Various activities are provided through partner organizations such as Barnardos, "Perfect Fitness" and "Debutots" as part of a growing extended school programme.

In Glenwood we strive to establish and maintain a quality relationship with the parents of all our pupils. We believe that this has a positive influence on our activities. Parents are welcome to the school at anytime and are actively encouraged to leave their children into school each morning. Parent/teacher consultations take place twice a year to discuss the attainment and progress of children. Reports are issued to parents at the end of June.

Regular parents' meetings and curricular workshops are held to involve and inform parents about matters directly related to their children's education. The school also has a parents' room where parents may meet for formal or informal activities.

The school provides a broadly based, rich and varied curriculum and teachers seek to use both traditional and modern teaching methods to provide an appropriate, relevant and quality educational experience for the children in our care. In addition a range of extra curricular activities is provided; Drama Club, Football, Art Club, Netball. A newspaper club produces a school newspaper each term. The Scripture union meets in the school every week and members get the chance to attend a summer camp annually. The school choir performs in the community and beyond and plays a central part in the production of a concert or pantomime every other year. Participation in local and national tournaments and competitions of an academic, sporting or artistic nature is encouraged.

The school is keen to support activities organised by local groups, charities and other bodies. In recent years the school has worked with the Ulster Orchestra, BBC Northern Ireland and Community Relations in School.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admission criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the School.

- 1 Attainment of compulsory school age i.e., children born between 2nd July 2007 and 1st July 2008 inclusive.
- 2 Attendance of brothers or sisters at Glenwood Primary School or if either parent/guardian is a former pupil.
- 3 Employment of a parent or guardian on the teaching, ancillary or auxiliary staffs or whose parent is a member of the Board of Governors.
- 4 Resident within the area for which Glenwood Primary School is the nearest school.
- 5 Resident outside the area for which Glenwood Primary School is the nearest school, but who have to be looked after by relations who live inside the school area.
- 6 Resident outside the area for which Glenwood Primary School is the nearest school.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

Criteria for admission to P1 after initial enrolment

- 1 Children will be admitted only if there is a space within an existing P1 class for the child, and if the nature of the children already in the class allows for the additional child to be adequately integrated.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	83	83
2010	81	81
2011	88	88

Principal: Mrs Christine Harper M.Ed, B.Ed(Hons), Cert.Ed.,PGDE, PQH

Admission No: 87

Enrolment No: 261

The school is situated in a pleasant suburban area of the city. There is a purpose built Nursery on site which is an integral part of the school. The main school caters for the P1-3 age range and is one of the 3 feeder schools for Strandtown Primary School.

There is a wide range of experience and expertise on the staff. The school aims to provide a rich and varied curriculum in order to promote the all-round development of the child in a happy and caring environment. Educational visits are planned to enhance the children's learning experience. Together with the development of competence in the basic skills, the growth in the pupils' confidence, self-esteem and independence is considered a priority. A variety of extra curricular activities are available to P3 pupils, including a choir, recorder, drama, dance, cookery, computers, art, French, tennis and football. The school also holds the prestigious Green Flag in recognition of our achievements in Eco work.

There is close co-operation between the school and parents who contribute much by their active support. They are kept fully informed of the progress of their children through parent/teacher consultations and an annual written report. The PTA organises events throughout the year and these are always well attended. The Board of Governors takes a keen interest in the life of the school and is very supportive of the staff. Prospective parents are invited to visit the school on the Open Day held in December or by arrangement with the principal.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admission criteria and has delegated to the Principal its functions and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

Only children of compulsory school age (ie children born on or between 2nd July 2007 and 1st July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to the school. In the event of the school being over-subscribed the Governors will select children for admission to Primary 1 using the admissions criteria set out below.

The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set down. Should the number of children who satisfy the requirement of any criterion exceed the number of places available, the remaining criteria will be applied successively to the children which caused the number of places to be exceeded, until all places have been allocated.

CRITERIA

- 1 Children who attended the Nursery Unit.
- 2 Children who have a brother/sister, half brother/half sister, or other children living permanently at the same address, currently attending Greenwood Primary, Nursery Unit or who have previously attended Greenwood P1-3 and are currently attending Strandtown Primary School.

- 3 Children who have a parent/guardian in permanent employment in Greenwood Primary School or Nursery Unit.
- 4 Children who have a parent/guardian in permanent employment in Strandtown Primary School.
- 5 Remaining places will be granted in order of priority determined by the proximity of the child's permanent residence to the school. Distance will be determined by a straight line measurement from the front door of the child's home to the front door of the school. Measurements will be generated electronically using the Ordnance Survey Website.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first as established by the date of birth entered on the birth certificate.

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 Form. 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 Form.

Admission criteria for Primary 2 and 3 classes for September 2012:

- 1 Pupils seeking admission who have previously been enrolled in Greenwood and are returning from Special Education.
- 2 Provided that places are available in the year group, criteria 2-5 will be applied.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	83	83
2010	101	86
2011	106	87

Principal: S Cumper

Admission No: 30

Enrolment No: 210

Harding Memorial is a large primary school situated on the Cregagh Road in south east Belfast. The school was established in 1913 and pupils, parents and staff are keenly anticipating the 100 year anniversary celebrations in 2013. Recent developments in school include the establishment of a privately run after school childcare club – Peas In A Pod offer morning childcare and assistance with homework as well as a wide range of development activities. Currently accommodation consists of 17 classrooms, Assembly/P.E. Hall, Music Room, ICT Room, Dining Hall and Library. The school strives to provide a caring ethos and seeks to value the worth of each child while recognising and taking account of differences in ability and environment. The basic subjects are given great importance but, upon this learning foundation, emphasis is placed upon developing confidence, self-esteem, respect and consideration for others. Therefore the aim of the school is to enable each child to realise his/her full potential through a broad and balanced curriculum. Residential Trips form an important part of the senior school educational experience at Harding Memorial Primary School.

The school encourages an interest in music and has a brass and woodwind group as well as a choir and recorder groups. Each child has the opportunity to learn to play the recorder. During the school year there are a wide range of extra-curricular activities provided, such as cricket, guitar club, soccer, hockey, choir and cycling proficiency.

The welcoming ethos of the school has been achieved through good relationships between staff, pupils, parents and the local community and we continually strive to maintain this friendly and caring reputation. Excellent parental support and co-operation ensures that all pupils wear the designated school uniform and maintain high standards with regard to attendance and punctuality. A strong partnership exists between staff and parents who are encouraged to play an active role in their children's education. There is a flourishing Parent/Teacher Association which is extremely supportive and untiring in its efforts on behalf of the school.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admissions criteria and has delegated to the principal / admissions sub committee its functions and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

Only pupils of compulsory school age, (i.e. children born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to the school. In the event of the school being oversubscribed the governors will select children for admission to primary one using the admissions criteria set out below.

The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set down. When so applying the criteria, should the number of children who satisfy the requirement of any criterion exceed the number of places still available within the school's admissions number, the remaining criteria (i.e. those not yet applied) will be applied successively and in the order set down, to the group of children who satisfied the criterion which caused the criterion to be exceeded, until all of the available places have been allocated.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- 1 Children for whom Harding Memorial Primary School is the nearest controlled primary school to their permanent residence on the date of application, in the order of closest proximity of the school to the child's permanent residence, and who will have a natural, adopted or foster brother/sister or half brother /sister enrolled in Harding Memorial Primary School in the school year 2012/2013.
- 2 Children for whom Harding Memorial Primary School is the nearest controlled primary school to their permanent residence on the date of application, in the order of closest proximity of the school to the child's permanent residence.
- 3 Children for whom Harding Memorial Primary School is not the nearest controlled primary school to their permanent residence on the date of application, in the order of closest proximity of the school to the child's permanent residence, and who will have a natural, adopted or foster brother/sister, or half brother/ sister enrolled in Harding Memorial Primary School in the school year 2012/2013.
- 4 Children for whom Harding Memorial Primary School is not the nearest controlled primary school to their permanent residence on the date of application, in the order of closest proximity of the school to the child's permanent residence.

- * Proximity of the school will be determined by direct straight line measurement between the front entrance to the child's residence and the nearest school gate.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

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 Form. 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 Form.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	25	25
2010	30	30
2011	32	30

Principal: Mrs A Hutchinson B.Ed, D.A.S.E

Admission No: 54

Enrolment No: 375

In Harmony Primary School we want children to be happy, enthusiastic and to feel safe.

With the support of our parents and the Board of Governors, we will provide a rich variety of experiences which will encourage our children to become life long learners.

Harmony Primary is a bright, modern building situated in its own grounds in the Glencairn estate. It consists of twelve classrooms, library, resource room, computer suite, central hall and dining hall. The facilities in the school have been adapted to accommodate pupils with special physical needs.

There is also a double unit nursery which can accommodate fifty two pre school children on a full day basis.

The Governors, Principal and staff seek to create a welcoming, positive ethos in the school where all children and adults feel valued.

We have high expectations of all our pupils and therefore teaching and learning is child centred. Special arrangements are made for the less able and the more able children so that all our pupils have an opportunity to fulfil their potential.

After school activities include football, hockey, mini-tennis, computers, dance, rugby, recorder, art, gardening and Scripture Union.

In Harmony parents are an important part of our community. We encourage parents to take an active role in their children's education. Courses are available for parents who wish to develop their own skills. Interviews are arranged for parents to discuss their child's progress in the autumn and spring terms and a written report is provided at the end of the summer term.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admission criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and to the admission of pupils to the school.

Only children of compulsory school age (i.e. those born between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to the school.

In the event of the school being over-subscribed, the Governors will select children for admission to primary one using the admissions criteria set out below. The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set down.

- 1 Children who will have a brother or sister, half brother and/or half sister in the school in the school year 2011/2012.
- 2 Children who attend the Nursery Unit of the school in the school year 2011/2012.
- 3 Children who have family connections with the school.
- 4 If places remain, then the Governors will award them to children on the basis of the walking distance from the front door of their home to the main gate of the school, priority being given to those who live the shortest distance from the school.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	22	22
2010	22	22
2011	36	36

Principal: Patricia Murtagh

Admission No: 58

Enrolment No: 406

Hazelwood prides itself on being a warm and welcoming place for both children and parents. We strive to give equal status to the two major cultures in Northern Ireland. We educate and cherish all children of Protestant, Catholic, other faiths and none, together in an atmosphere of mutual respect. The school is Christian rather than secular in character. We believe in a child centred approach to education. Parents play a major role in the life of the school, helping their own children, helping teachers and other children, and contributing to the activities of the PTA and the Board of Governors. Our new school building was opened in September 1996. Our extensive site includes many designated outdoor play spaces including a new purpose built adventure playground and access to the adjacent Throne Woodlands for environmental studies. We have a modern computer suite and a colourful informative website link: www.belfast.schooljotter.com/hazelwood. A very wide range of intra and extra curricular activities are available on a daily basis, as is our Breakfast Club, After Schools Club and Homework Club.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admissions criteria and has delegated to the Admissions Committee its functions and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria in the admission of pupils to the school. The criteria set out below will be applied separately to applicants from Protestant and Roman Catholic backgrounds. 20% of places will be reserved for others who may be from a 'mixed tradition' background, from a different religious/ethnic grouping or from those of no religious affiliation.

Children of compulsory school age only will be admitted. **The Admissions Committee must know about the religious background of all applicants, and as this information is not asked for on the Open Enrolment form, it is essential that parents contact the school directly and complete the school's own Pupil Information form.**

Consideration will be given to children with Special Educational Needs, as long as the school can meet the education needs of those children. Parents of such children must inform the principal of these needs and give her their permission to seek all relevant professional advice about the child's needs.

The Admissions Committee will list all applicants in order of priority by selecting those who fall into the following categories in the order set out below.

- 1 Children who attend Hazelwood Integrated Nursery School.
- 2 Children who have a sibling or foster sibling, living in the same home, who currently attends Hazelwood Primary.
- 3 Siblings/children of past pupils of Hazelwood Integrated Primary.

- 4 Children who applied for Hazelwood Nursery and were unsuccessful due to over subscription.
- 5 Eldest child in the family.
- 6 Parents who have demonstrated a commitment to integrated education in the following ways:
 - Parents who are past pupils of Hazelwood Integrated College.
 - Parents who have attended an integrated school. (Indicate name of school)
 - Parents who have completed the Pupil Information form as indicated above.

If over-subscribed in any of the above criteria, taken in order, final selection will be on the basis of the initial letter of the surname in the order set down below. The surname used will be as registered on the birth certificate or as subsequently legally changed and documented.

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The order was determined by a randomized selection of letters of the alphabet.

In the event of surnames with the same initial letter the subsequent letter of the surname will be used in alphabetical order.

In the event of two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initial letter of the first forename as registered on the birth certificate will be used. In the event of first forenames beginning with the same letter the subsequent letters of the forename will be used.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	60	59
2010	60	60
2011	61	60

**HOLY CHILD PRIMARY SCHOOL
BROOM HILL
SOUTH GREEN
BELFAST
BT11 8JF**

Catholic Maintained School

Telephone No: 028 9061 4823

Principal: Mr M Short, BEd(Hons), MSC, PQH

Admission No: 111

Enrolment No: 775

Holy Child Primary School opened as a co-educational school in 1993 following the amalgamation of Holy Child Boys' and Holy Child Girls' Primary School. A comprehensive refurbishment programme to modernise facilities has been carried out since amalgamation including a new library, computer suite and computer networking in every class. In September 2000 a new nursery was established in the school. Holy Child's popularity continues to attract pupils from outside its immediate catchment area of St Agnes' Parish.

Aims

Our central aim is to foster the Catholic Faith and its values while maintaining the highest academic standards. Due emphasis is placed on the pastoral care of individual pupils to help them develop their abilities and talents to their full potential.

Curriculum

The requirements of the Northern Ireland Revised Curriculum are met in an atmosphere which is pleasant and caring. Pupils from the school also participate in a wide range of sporting activities including Gaelic Football, Hurling, Camogie, Netball, Swimming, Athletics and Basketball. In addition, the children's artistic talents are developed through music, choir and drama. Staff from the City of Belfast School of Music provide tuition in brass and stringed instruments.

Parents

The school seeks to promote the highest standards of teaching and discipline and is always anxious to involve parents closely in the education of their children. Parent/teacher interviews take place annually to discuss the progress of children. Parents can also arrange interviews at times convenient to the teachers and themselves to discuss any concerns about their children's education and welfare.

Community/Extended School

Great emphasis is placed on good working relationships between the school and local parish community. In addition successful cross community links which enable the pupils to partake in a range of educational experiences while developing acceptance and understanding of each others' culture continue to be developed.

Holy Child Primary School offers a wide range of Extended School activities such as a Breakfast Club, After School's activities including Homework, 2-3 Club and parent courses. These 'wrap around services' will help to further advance parental and community support.

Admissions Criteria

The Board of Governors has drawn up the following admissions criteria and has delegated to the principal its function and responsibilities for their application:

- 1 Only pupils of compulsory school age (i.e. children born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to the school.
- 2 In the event of the number of applicants exceeding the school's admissions number the following sub-criteria will apply in the order set down:

Preference will be given to children who:

- (a) have or have had a brother or sister at the school;
- (b) are currently attending our Nursery Unit in the school or Holy Child Nursery School, Slievegallion Drive.
- (c) reside in St Agnes' Parish;
- (d) reside in other parishes.

Criteria for entry into Primary 2 to Primary 7 2012/2013

A pupil will be accepted in a year group provided that his/her inclusion will not:

- (i) cause the school's enrolment number to be exceeded; and
- (ii) result in class sizes which would contravene statutory requirements;
- (iii) be prejudicial to the efficient use of resources.

Pupils will be accepted in order of application. However, if over-subscribed on these criteria, the school's admissions sub-criteria 2(a), 2(b) and 2(d) to 2(h) will apply.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	86	86
2010	60	60
2011	75	75

HOLY CROSS BOYS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
BROOKFIELD STREET
ARDOYNE
BELFAST
BT14 7EX

Catholic Maintained School

Telephone No: 028 9035 1032

Fax No: 028 9074 1580

Website: www.holycrossboys.belfast.ni.sch.uk

Principal: Mr T Lavery B.Ed, Dip.RD, DASE, M.Ed

Vice-Principal: Mr K McAreyve BA (HONS) PGCE M.Ed, PQH

Admission No: 77

Enrolment No: 536

“Nurturing Talent - Fulfilling Potential” the motto of Holy Cross Boys’ is our commitment to every child and the guiding principle of our school. Holy Cross Boys’ wants every child to experience the feeling of success in a happy and safe environment where Catholic values are embedded in the life of the whole school community. We actively promote high self-esteem and a love of life-long learning. We encourage children to embrace diversity, show respect for all and view themselves as valued citizens of our school and outwards to the local and global community.

At Holy Cross Boys’ we give every pupil the opportunity to experience a broad and balanced syllabus as dictated by the New Northern Ireland Curriculum. We are aware that all children have different strengths and interests and our approach to teaching and learning will provide challenging opportunities for all abilities. Holy Cross Boys’ is justifiably proud of the Special Needs provision within the school as well as the very high percentage of our pupils who transfer to Grammar Schools.

The Irish language and culture has a special place within the school. Our boys compete annually in the Feis Bheal Feirste and the Biaitaigh Cup and our Primary 7 boys have the opportunity to experience the Gaeltacht in the summer. Each class in the school is taught Irish.

The school has enthusiastically embraced modern technology with two computer suites and nine Interactive Whiteboards in the school. These modern facilities are also used for the many and varied courses available for parents.

Our dynamic music programme is organized by our Music Specialist, who works in close partnership with the music department in St Malachy’s College. Pupils can learn guitar, violin, cello, African drums and tin whistle. Every Primary 7 pupil leaves school able to play a musical instrument and having experienced a P7 Transition week involving the three local post primary schools.

Holy Cross Boys’ is proud of the rich sporting tradition within the school. We offer coaching in gaelic, hurling, handball, soccer, table tennis, basketball and golf. Our aim is to uncover the hidden sportsman in every child.

Our diverse extended schools programme ranges from film-making to French and provides all children with the opportunity to explore subjects and interests beyond the normal primary curriculum.

At Holy Cross Boys' we see ourselves as an integral part of the community and place great emphasis on creating and maintaining good working relationships between staff, parents and the wider community. Additionally our pupils are involved in an exciting new Cross Community Initiative (ARC – Active Respectful Communities) which brings together children, parents and staff from Ardoyne and the Shankill.

Holy Cross Boys' aims to provide a positive, supportive and stimulating milieu where each child feels valued and respected.

An excellent report by the Department of Education's Inspectorate on Holy Cross Boys' Primary School in January 2005 can be accessed on the Department's website: www.deni.gov.uk (Go to Education and Training Inspectorate).

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down 1-5 by the Board of Governors of Holy Cross Boys' Primary School in selecting boys for admission in September 2012.

CRITERIA

- 1 Boys of compulsory school age who normally reside in the parish of Holy Cross Ardoyne.
- 2 Boys of compulsory school age who have brothers presently at the school.
- 3 Boys of compulsory school age whose father/guardian, or brother are prior pupils of the school.
- 4 Boys of compulsory school age whose parent/guardian is presently a permanent member of the school teaching/ancillary/auxiliary staff.
- 5 Boys of compulsory school age from other areas.

In the event of over subscription in any one of the above criteria, taken in order, final selection will be on the basis of the closeness of the home to the school as measured by an Ordnance Survey Map.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	42	42
2010	62	62
2011	69	69

**HOLY CROSS GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
ARDOYNE ROAD
BELFAST
BT14 7HZ**

Catholic Maintained School

**Telephone No: 028 9039 1771
Fax No: 028 9039 1521**

Principal: Mrs M McNally B.Ed, PQH

Admission No: 70

Enrolment No: 487

SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

Our basic aim in Holy Cross Girls' is to provide a wide, balanced and relevant curriculum in the context of the Catholic school so that the individual gifts, talents and capacity of each child may be appreciated and developed. We try to ensure that pupils succeed by:

- Having high expectations of them;
- Demanding hard work, good behaviour and consideration of others;
- Welcoming and expecting parental support;
- Promoting a positive self image;
- Using a child centred approach to education and providing meaningful activity with challenge and variety.

We expect our pupils to have high academic standards with positive attitudes and values.

The school building is well equipped to meet the challenges of the Curriculum. All children have the opportunity to use computers within classrooms and the computer suite. Parents have the opportunity to qualify for the ECDL using our computer suite. We have spacious tree lined grounds where the children have freedom to play and to explore their environment. The school is a Fundamental Movement school and our soft surface multi use games area provides the pupils with a safe, attractive area where they can use play equipment to develop their skills.

We have very strong parental/community links and have a purpose built parents' room where parents can meet and talk. The school has a long musical/dramatic tradition with regular concerts and an end of term musical or play. Camogie and basketball are well established in the school and our school teams have been very successful in the Belfast Schools Leagues. All children from P5-P7 have the opportunity to receive instrumental tuition in flute or clarinet from the School of Music tutors. Pupils can participate in a wide range of after school activities such as French, cookery, dance, computers, cheerleading and craft. Irish is taught in P5, P6 and P7 and our school is represented annually in the Belfast Inter Schools Irish Feis and has obtained scholarships for pupils to attend the summer Gaeltacht.

The Department of Education's Inspection Report on Holy Cross Girls' Primary School April 2006 can be accessed at www.deni.gov.uk

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS IN SEPTEMBER 2012

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down in 1-4 by the Board of Governors of Holy Cross Girls' Primary School in selecting pupils for admission in September 2012.

Priority will be given at all times to pupils regarded by the Board of Governors on the basis of supporting evidence by parents and/or statutory agencies as having special circumstances (medical, social, security factors). The circumstances should be personal to the child and must be supported by independent and appropriate documentation, providing evidence of the circumstances being described as being exceptional.

CRITERION 1 Girls of compulsory school age who normally reside in the parish of Holy Cross.

CRITERION 2 Girls of compulsory school age who have sisters presently enrolled in the school.

CRITERION 3 Girls of compulsory school age from other areas.

In the event of over-subscription in any one of the criteria, taken in order, final places will be offered to pupils who live closest to the school as measured by an Ordnance Survey Map.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	18	18
2010	21	21
2011	31	31

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL
14 NEWINGTON AVENUE
BELFAST
BT15 2HP

Catholic Maintained School

Telephone No: 028 9035 1023 /
028 9035 1024

E-Mail: dmacmanus@holyfamily.belfast.ni.sch.uk

Principal: Mrs D MacManus

Admission No: 60

Enrolment No: 420

INFORMATION RELATING TO THE SCHOOL

Holy Family Primary School has a long tradition of providing the highest standards of education to the boys and girls of Holy Family Parish and beyond. We are committed to developing each child to his/her full potential within a caring community, which fosters the Catholic faith and promotes Catholic values and attitudes.

The school has recently been refurbished to provide a bright, stimulating environment. Facilities include a state of the art Computer Suite, Library and Parent Centre. We have recently created an exciting adventure playground to promote health and fitness.

We aim to provide our children with a broad range of opportunities and experiences. To supplement the prescribed Northern Ireland Curriculum the school offers extra curricular activities which include a Maths Club, cookery, Music, (choir, violin, tin whistle, flute, gjembe drum, recorder) Irish dancing, Sport (gymnastics, gaelic football, soccer, netball, basketball, Judo). In addition children receive tuition in strings from City of Belfast School of Music. Educational visits and residentials are a strong feature of our educational programme.

A Breakfast Club operates from 8.15am, every morning. There is a supervised area for P1, P2 and P3 children to wait for older brothers and sisters from 2.00pm to 2.45pm. After school care is provided from 3.00pm – 5.30pm for children of parents who work or who have returned to education. There is a charge for this service which is non-profit making.

We expect the highest standards of work, behaviour and attitudes from our pupils. Our Pastoral Care Programme promotes positive values and attitudes and encourages our children to accept responsibility helping them to make positive contributions to the life of the school and the community. Through the School Council pupils have opportunities to influence the management of the school.

Parents are actively encouraged to be involved in the life of the school through formal and informal meetings with teachers, participation in parent courses, supporting 'Friends of Holy Family' association and assisting the school in day to day activities. The school takes great pride in the quality of its home/school links. The school is open on four evenings per week to provide a variety of activities for parents and the local community.

The school is involved in a range of initiatives linking us with schools across the globe, in Germany, Poland, France, India and Uganda. We regard such activities as essential to the development of our children's citizenship skills, giving them a strong sense of their responsibilities to their own communities and to society as a whole and lifting their expectations and aspirations beyond their local community.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admissions criteria and has delegated to the principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

Only children of compulsory age, (i.e., children born on or between 2 July 2009 and 1 July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to the school. In the event of the school being oversubscribed the Governors will select children for admission to primary one using the admissions criteria set out below in order of priority.

- 1 Children of compulsory school age who normally reside in the parish of Holy Family within the following boundaries — Cavehill Road as far as Indiana Avenue including Vancouver Drive, the Antrim Road from Duncairn Gardens to Glandore Avenue, and all of Glanleam Drive. From Glanleam Drive down Skegoneill Avenue to North Queen Street. North Queen Street (North Side) from Skegoneill Avenue to Duncairn Gardens. The odd numbers in Duncairn Gardens, the odd numbers in Brookhill Avenue, and all the avenues and streets within these boundaries.
- 2 Children of compulsory school age who normally reside in the other section of Holy Family Parish.
- 3 Children from other areas, who wish to attend Holy Family Primary School.

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.

- (a) Children who have brothers/sisters, half-brothers/sisters presently enrolled in the school in the school year 2011/2012.
- (b) Children whose parent/guardian is presently a permanent member of the school teaching/ancillary/auxiliary staff.
- (c) Children transferring from Holy Family Nursery School.
- (d) Children whose parent/guardian, brothers/sisters, half-brothers/sisters have attended the school.
- (e) Children who live closest to the school as measured by the shortest walking distance.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

Duty to Verify

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After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will also be applied when children are seeking admission at P2 to P7 stages. Admission will be determined at particular year levels by class size and needs of children.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	79	66
2010	80	60
2011	69	60



Principal: Mr Sean Merrick MEd DipEd PGCE BSc(Hons)

Chair of Governors: Mrs Cliodhna Scott-Wills

Admission No: 73

Enrolment No: 508

Holy Rosary Primary School is a Catholic maintained co-educational primary school, opened in 1966 to serve the parish of Holy Rosary. Nestled close to the Good Shepherd Church, it is a caring school where the whole school community share a common goal to do the best for all the children in our care.

It sits on a large site with ample play areas including a new outdoor play zone. Three playgrounds are marked for sports and games, with nets and seating areas. A science garden complete with raised beds and nesting boxes attracts wildlife. Its excellent accommodation consists of bright, spacious, well-equipped classrooms, a computer suite, a dedicated music room, library and sports hall. Each classroom has an interactive board providing a modern, stimulating learning environment.

We have high expectations for our children and focus on the development of a positive and caring climate, based on mutual respect for all people and for the environment in which we live. There is a quiet but firm insistence on high standards of behaviour at all times. We nurture confidence, tolerance, loyalty and independence with consideration for others.

Recognised for its excellence; the school provides a broad and balanced curriculum that takes account of the uniqueness of each child and his/her individual needs. Holy Rosary has a record of high academic achievement and a reputation for providing great musical and sporting performance. Many of our children receive extra provision in strings and brass from The City of Belfast School of Music.

We are aware of the importance of visits and other enrichment activities in the development of our children. The school offers a variety of extra curricular activities namely Spanish, Speech and Drama, Dance, Study Clubs, Music, Art and Craft, Cycling Proficiency, Tennis, Table Tennis, Judo, Basketball, Netball, Soccer, Gaelic Football, Hurling and Camogie.

There is wrap around care for children with a *Morning Club* open between 8.00am and 9.00am. Parents can drop their children off at this club and know they will be supervised before school starts. This service is free.

There is also an *Afternoon Waiting Room* from 2.00pm to 4.30pm that offers homework support, games, art, ICT and a variety of other activities. A daily levy of £1 per family will be charged to those using this facility.

The school is involved in the Healthy Schools Initiative and we encourage children to bring in healthy breaks to school and to participate in healthy activities.

The school sees itself as part of a wider community and aims to promote contact and involvement in the parish. It will see that its aims are known to staff, children, Board of Governors and parents whom it will recognise as having prime responsibility for the education of their children.

A thriving and very active Home School Association, which always welcomes new members, provides the funds to purchase many extra resources for the school. Its members organise regular functions throughout the year where parents and children can meet and have an enjoyable time.

Parents of prospective pupils may visit by contacting the school secretary and arranging a mutually convenient time.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admissions criteria and has delegated to a subcommittee of the Board its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admissions of P1 pupils to the school in September 2012. The criteria will be applied in the order set down 1 - 9.

- 1 Children of compulsory school age who reside in the parish of Holy Rosary.
- 2 Children who reside in the parish and who will have a brother, sister, half-brother and/or half-sister enrolled in Holy Rosary Primary School and/or Holy Rosary Nursery School in the school year 2012/2013.
- 3 Children who have a brother, sister, half-brother and/or half-sister presently enrolled in the school year 2012/2013.
- 4 Children whose parent will be a permanent employee in Holy Rosary Primary School and/or Holy Rosary Nursery School in the school year 2012/2013.
- 5 Children of compulsory school age who reside in the parish of Saint Anthony's.
- 6 Children who reside in the parish of Saint Anthony's and who will have a brother, sister, half-brother and/or half-sister enrolled in Holy Rosary Primary School and/or Holy Rosary Nursery School in the school year 2012/2013.
- 7 Children who attended Holy Rosary Nursery School.
- 8 Children who have a parent, guardian, brother, sister, half-brother and/or half-sister that is a prior pupil of the school.
- 9 Children from other areas; with children in closest proximity to the school being admitted first.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	37	37
2010	44	44
2011	44	44

**HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
MONAGH ROAD
BELFAST
BT11 8EG**

**Catholic Maintained School
(Co-Educational)
Telephone No: 028 9061 6465/ 028 9061 2266
Fax No: 028 9030 8785
Website: www.info@holytrinity.belfast.ni.sch.uk**

Principal: Mrs C Armstrong Cert.Ed., B.Ed. D.A.S.E.

Chairperson: Mrs Elizabeth Ward

Chaplain: V Rev Fr M Wallace P.P

Admission No: 86

Enrolment No: 600

Holy Trinity Primary School has striven to achieve, and is proud to maintain, a strong ethos of excellence in all of those areas which a modern and forward-thinking school needs to embrace, including the key areas of pastoral care, academic achievement and sporting prowess.

Holy Trinity Primary School occupies an extensive site on the edge of Holy Trinity parish, nestling under the Black Mountain and enjoying a panoramic view of Belfast. In addition to our rolling lawns we have four all weather playgrounds. Our pupils have access to the sporting facilities of the adjoining GAA club. The school is equipped with a computer suite, up to date technology, including an interactive whiteboard in every classroom, a sensory garden, two well stocked libraries and two gymnasia.

It is our policy as a Catholic school, with a highly committed and talented staff, to promote Christian values and attitudes and to help each child to develop spiritually, intellectually, emotionally and physically.

We regard our parents as partners and seek to involve them closely in their children's education. Regular opportunities are provided to meet your child's teacher and become actively involved in the life of the school. Our recently refurbished parents' room provides an excellent opportunity to relax, meet other parents or participate in one of the wide range of parents' courses that we provide.

Parents who choose Holy Trinity Primary School will select a school with an enviable academic record. We are committed to developing each child to his or her potential through provision of the Revised Curriculum. The school places a strong emphasis on Maths, English and ICT and a rigorous system of monitoring and evaluation has been embedded. We value music highly and have a full time music teacher. Our pupils also receive tuition from the City of Belfast School of Music and are encouraged to perform regularly in public.

The school provides a wide range of after school clubs including Camogie, ICT, Cookery, Italian, Play, French, Science, Tin Whistle, Guitar, Football, Hurling, Art, Needlecraft, Drama, Games, Brass, Basketball, Irish, HipHop and Homework. We provide an Annual School Concert, Sports Day and a Poetry Week.

In addition to our mainstream classes Holy Trinity Primary School has two units for children with hearing impairment and four units for children with Moderate Learning difficulties. The school is well placed to meet the needs of your child in the modern world.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS IN SEPTEMBER 2012

- 1 Children of compulsory school age (born between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008) who normally reside in the parish of Holy Trinity.
- 2 Children whose parent/guardian is presently a permanent member of the school teaching/ancillary/auxiliary staff.
- 3 Children who have brothers/sisters, (half-brothers/sisters) presently enrolled in the school.
- 4 Children whose parent/guardian, brother/sister, (half-brother/sister) are prior pupils of the school.
- 5 Children of compulsory school age from other areas.

If over-subscribed in any one of the above criteria, taken in order, final selection will be on the basis of the closeness of the home to the school as measured on an Ordnance Survey Map.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

Note: The statutory limit for primary one is 30 pupils per class.

Duty to Verify

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Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	90	87
2010	85	85
2011	91	90

KNOCKNAGONEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
KNOCKNAGONEY ROAD
BELFAST
BT4 2NR

Controlled Co-Ed Primary School

Telephone No: 028 9076 8496
Website: www.knocknagoney.co.uk

Principal: Mrs A Burton B.Ed(Hons) PQH

Admission No: 58

Enrolment No: 403

Knocknagoney Primary School is pleasantly situated on the slopes of the Holywood Hills between the Garnerville and Knocknagoney Roads, with extensive lawns and playgrounds.

The school consists of a Nursery Unit, 12 classrooms, in use for class teaching and group/individual teaching, Assembly Hall for PE and a stage area for drama, a Music Room, Library, ICT Suite, Parents Room and an on site kitchen with its own Dining Hall.

The classrooms have all been recently refurbished and are fitted with Interactive Whiteboards. The individual infant classrooms and newly constructed outdoor play areas are well equipped with much emphasis placed on structured activities in the Early Years.

A wide and balanced curriculum is provided by experienced staff who work hard to ensure that the children learn in a supportive and caring environment. We are very proud of our excellent Pastoral Care system where every child is valued and listened to. The school adopts a "solution focussed" approach and has a teacher totally dedicated to this for 2 full days a week as well as fostering a Pupil Council and 'Buddy system' in the playground.

The school operates a breakfast club from 8.15 am. We also offer a wide range of activities and after school clubs; computers, homework club, football, tag rugby, infant sports, scripture union, guitar lessons, choir, bee club and ECO club.

Spanish is also taught from Primary 1 to Primary 4.

Our pupils participate in many excellent programmes eg Comet Language Project, Linguistic Phonic Programme, Reading Partnership, Time to Read with Business in the Community, Glentoran Football Club Community Project, Bombardier High Flyer Programme as well as establishing positive links with local community groups.

Educational trips to local places of interest are regularly undertaken.

We pride ourselves on maintaining high academic achievements within a caring family atmosphere working in partnership with our parents.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's Primary 1 admissions criteria and has delegated to the principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school. Only children of compulsory school age, (i.e. children aged 4 on or before 1 July preceding the September admission) will be admitted to the school.

In the event of the school being oversubscribed the Governors will select children for admission to Primary 1 using the admissions criteria set out below. The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set down.

- 1 Children who attended our Nursery Unit.
- 2 Children who have a brother, sister, half-brother or half-sister who attends or has attended the school.
- 3 Children whose parents/guardians are permanent employees in the school.
- 4 Children who live near the school. Priority will be given to those whose walking distance from home to school is shortest.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	10	10
2010	10	10
2011	19	19

LIGONIEL PRIMARY SCHOOL
LIGONIEL ROAD
BELFAST
BT14 8BW

Controlled School

Telephone No: 028 9039 1502
Website: www.ligonielprimary.co.uk
Email: ligonielprimary@hotmail.com

Principal: Mrs C Hilman B.Ed

Admission No: 24

Enrolment No: 160

The school is on a large site with extensive play areas and with panoramic views of Belfast. Playboard has recently commended the school for excellent play resources. The school achieved the International Schools Award in 2011 for developing internationalism.

The staff consists of the Principal plus 6 full-time teachers, 8 classroom assistants and a part-time special needs teacher. The number of pupils has been rising steadily and our current enrolment is 142. We have 6 classes and aim to keep our class size below 25 children per class. Each classroom has an interactive whiteboard. The school is committed to the well being of its children and pays particular attention to creating a happy and secure learning environment. This is reflected in our mission statement.

“We care, we value, we aim to provide the best”.

A broad and balanced education is offered to every child and this complies with the Northern Ireland Curriculum. This is enhanced by a programme of educational visits, contacts with the wider community and activity afternoons which include drama, art, French, music, cycling proficiency, first aid and a variety of games including rugby, mini soccer, basketball, table tennis, hockey and badminton.

The school benefits greatly from an active Parent/Teacher Association. On occasion meetings are arranged to discuss the curriculum and to give parents an opportunity to have ‘hands on’ experience of classroom activities enjoyed by their children. Parent volunteers organise a healthy break each day for the children and the school is noted for its friendly atmosphere. There are regular opportunities for parents to discuss their children’s progress as well as invitations to attend school activities.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school’s admissions criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and to the admission of pupils to the school.

Only children of compulsory school age (children born between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to Year 1.

CRITERIA FOR P1 CHILDREN

- 1 Children whose brothers, half-brothers, sisters, half-sisters are currently attending, will be attending or have attended Ligoniel Primary School.
- 2 Children who have attended Glenbank Nursery School.
- 3 Children of members of staff.

- 4 Children who already have a family connection with the school.
- 5 If the school is over-subscribed the final selection will be on the basis of the shortest distance. This will be determined by a straight line measurement on the most recent Ordnance Survey Greater Belfast Map from the front door of the child's home to the front door of the school.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

Duty to Verify

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After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	22	22
2010	23	23
2011	26	26

Principal: Mr D Patterson, MEd BSc (Hons) PGCE

Admission No: 29

Enrolment No: 203

In May 2004 Lowwood Primary School moved into a brand new 'state of the art' building occupying its original site overlooking Belfast Lough. Our attractive, modern school environment allows us to provide a comprehensive range of learning experiences for children, better equipping them to gain relevant life skills for 21st century living. Enrolment is approximately 175 plus 52 nursery pupils.

High standards of behaviour are required and all children wear the regulation school uniform. Parents' meetings are held on a regular basis and reports are issued annually. The facilities in the school have been adapted to accommodate the requirements of pupils with special physical needs and additional help is given to pupils who experience learning difficulties.

The school provides a broad curriculum paying particular attention to the promotion of basic skills in literacy and numeracy. A comprehensive system of pastoral care together with an extensive range of after-school clubs including: football, hockey, badminton, scripture union, cookery, dance and art ensures that children's needs are catered for individually. Every child is encouraged to perform to the best of his/her ability and become a responsible member of the community.

Lowwood commands a high level of support in the community and parents are encouraged to actively engage with the school in a learning partnership. A menu of courses is offered to parents to assist in providing guidance in a variety of school, family, health and employment related issues. We are very fortunate to have an excellent Parent Teachers Association which organises social and educational events for parents, teachers, pupils and the local community.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has determined the criteria for admissions to the school. It delegates to the Principal its responsibility for applying criteria to applicants for admission.

Children whose parents wish them to attend Lowwood Primary School. If the school is then over-subscribed the following criteria will be applied in the stated order:

- (a) Siblings of children already attending the school.
- (b) Siblings or children of past pupils of the school.
- (c) Children of permanent staff in the school.
- (d) Children who have attended the school nursery.

(e) Children whose parent(s)/guardian(s) homes are closest to the Primary School as measured by a straight line on the Ordnance Survey Map from the front door of the child's home to the front door of the Primary School.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

Duty to Verify

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After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	20	20
2010	26	26
2011	37	30

**MALVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL
FORSTER STREET
BELFAST
BT13 1HW**

Controlled Co-Educational School

Telephone No: 028 9024 3803

Fax No: 028 9023 3501

E-mail: info@malvern.belfast.ni.sch.uk

Website: www.malvernprimary.org.uk

Principal: Mrs M Foreman Cert.Ed., D.A.S.E, M.Ed, PQH(NI)

Admission No: 48

Enrolment No: 336

Malvern Primary School was established in 1983 as a result of the amalgamation of two long established schools ie, Hemsworth Square Primary and Riddell Memorial Primary. The amalgamation has permitted the best of both traditions to be preserved for the benefit of the children in the area. The school caters for children of primary school age in the Lower Shankill area. We are a friendly, family, community school.

Our building has recently been refurbished, with new toilet facilities, a new heating system, rewired and repainted. It is a bright, welcoming, stimulating environment for all pupils and it is maintained to the highest standards.

The building comprises of well equipped classrooms, a well resourced library/computer suite, art room, science room, music room, TV room, parents' room, 2 play rooms, special needs room, a multi-purpose hall used for physical education, assemblies, productions and school meals. Interactive whiteboards are used to promote ICT.

In addition, the school has one large play ground and a safe play area for our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. We also have access to a football pitch beside our school.

The pupils are provided with a broad and balanced curriculum in line with the requirements of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. Each pupil is encouraged to meet his/her full potential. Pupils are taught in mixed ability classes by experienced and dedicated staff and help is provided for children requiring additional support in their learning. We have high expectations for all our pupils. All children are expected to wear school uniform.

We offer a wide range of extra curricular activities including a Breakfast Club 8.15-8.45 each morning, Scripture Union, Netball, Football, Art, Drama, Choir, Computer, Cycling Proficiency, Spanish, Cookery, French, Dance and African Drumming. All pupils have the opportunity to participate in Special Services such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter.

We hold an Annual Fancy Dress, Sport's Day, Fun Day, Summer Concert/Production. Pupils are encouraged to widen their experience through field trips, educational trips, residential trips, theatre and concert visits.

At Malvern Primary we aim to work in partnership with parents and the community to create a happy, friendly, caring school environment where pupils, parents and teachers feel valued and can work together. We want our children to feel valued and be 'happy' in school and to feel safe and secure. Pastoral Care is of paramount importance.

Parents are greatly valued by the school and are encouraged to take an active role in their child's education. We believe firmly that it is a close partnership with parents and the school. Parent information meetings are arranged early in the first term when staff outline their teaching plans for the year. Individual parent/teacher interviews are held twice a year and an 'Open Day' is held every year. Regular workshops/courses are held in our Parents' Room to keep parents fully informed and help with various aspects of the Curriculum.

Pupils are encouraged to wear a school uniform which can be purchased from school. A blue sweatshirt/cardigan, yellow polo shirt, grey trousers/skirt.

If you would like further information please contact the school at the above address.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors have drawn up the school's admission criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and admission of pupils to the school.

In the event of the school being over-subscribed the Governors will use criteria 1 to 5 in the order set out below.

- 1 Children of compulsory school age (ie children born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008).
- 2 Children who will have a brother, sister, half-brother/sister enrolled in the school in the year 2012/2013.
- 3 Children whose brother, sister or parent previously attended the school.
- 4 Children whose parents will be permanent employees in the school in the school year 2012/2013.
- 5 Children whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) live closest to the school (as measured by the shortest walking distance between home and the school gate).

During the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	20	20
2010	16	16
2011	25	25

**MERCY PRIMARY SCHOOL
612 CRUMLIN ROAD
BELFAST
BT14 7GL**

Catholic Maintained School

**Telephone No: 028 9039 1670
website:www.mercyprimary.org**

**Principal: Mrs M Moffett BEd (Hons) MEd
Vice Principal: Mr Gary Trainor BED(Hons) PQH (NI)**

Admission No: 90

Enrolment No: 684

Mercy Primary School is an all Girls' School under the trusteeship of the Sisters of Mercy. It is situated in spacious grounds on the Upper Crumlin Road. As a Mercy School we aim to develop each child physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually. We have an experienced and dedicated staff who are meeting the demands of the Northern Ireland Curriculum with enthusiasm and professional skill. The school prides itself on its high level of academic achievement. In keeping with the Mercy ethos we welcome applications from all sections of the community.

In order to facilitate children who live a distance from the school, we have a special bus service, servicing, the Antrim Road and Cliftonville Road. There is close liaison with parents at all stages of the child's school life. Each parent has a formal interview with the class teacher during the year and a written report is sent home at the end of the third school term. In Mercy we have an excellent musical tradition, this is reflected in our school choir and orchestra. The school also receives support from the School of Music; we have two peripatetic teachers offering musical tuition. Mercy has well established community links. We also have an excellent sporting tradition and have been camogie champions winning the Belfast Camogie Cup twice.

We are offering Spanish as part of our year 1-4 curriculum and Irish year 5-7.

To accommodate working parents we have from Monday – Friday:

- a breakfast club that operates from 8.10am, all children may join the club.
- an after school class for P1-3 pupils and bus children 2.00pm-3.00pm

Extra curricular activities include for example Art, Modern dance, Drama, Soccer, Irish, Cookery, Dancing, Camogie, French, Keep Fit and gardening.

P2-P3 Clubs 2.00pm – 3.00pm Monday – Thursday

P4-P7 Clubs 3.00pm – 4.00pm Monday - Thursday

We have two well-equipped computer suites timetabled for both children and parents (as part of our community programme). Parents are invited to attend liturgical and musical events throughout the year, and are welcome to visit the school at any time to meet the principal.

We work closely with our parents and have very strong home/school links. In Mercy we have an active Parents and Friends of Mercy association.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- 1 Children who have or had relations in the school.
- 2 Children of the permanent teaching, auxiliary, ancillary staff.
- 3 We will normally admit children of compulsory school age, from the traditional catchment areas.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Admissions Criteria: Primary 2- Primary 7

- 1 The wish of the child's parents.
- 2 Change of address.

In the application of the criteria, the Board of Governors has given permission to the Principal to make the final decision.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	31	31
2010	25	25
2011	21	21

**NETTLEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
RADNOR STREET
BELFAST
BT6 8BG**

Controlled School

Telephone No: 028 9045 8237

Fax No: 028 9073 8499

Principal: Mrs C Forth M.Ed.

Admission No: 54

Enrolment No: 375

Accommodation

The Nettlefield campus caters for the needs of a wide age-range of children: from pre-nursery age children in an independent SureStart unit, to nursery age children in an all-day, double classroom, nursery unit, to primary age pupils in the main school. The primary school consists of 14 classrooms, incorporating two dedicated structured playrooms for younger children, a well stocked central library, a fully furnished parents' room, a music room for the provision of free tuition on flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, tenor horn and recorder, and a thoroughly equipped assembly hall for physical education, stagecraft and choral activities. A separate, modern meals' kitchen enables some 200 children to have hot meals each day; and the school's locally acclaimed and exceptionally well equipped multi-sport facility enables pupils to develop individual and team sporting skills.

School Philosophy

The school aims to provide a caring and ordered environment where every child has the opportunity to develop academically, socially, spiritually and physically and to become a responsible, contributing member of society.

The Role of Parents

Parents have both formal and informal opportunities to discuss the educational progress of their child. Formal parent/teacher interviews and end of term reports are arranged each year. Parents are asked to play an active role in the learning process including overseeing the completion of homework each evening.

Curriculum

A blend of the best of modern and traditional teaching methods is used to fulfil the requirements of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. Attention is paid to the needs of individual children and provision is made for those who can benefit most from additional learning support.

Every pupil is expected to work hard, to wear school uniform, to maintain a high standard of behaviour and to show respect towards individuals and the environment. It is also expected that parents who wish their child to attend Nettlefield Primary School are in support of these aims.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has determined the criteria for admissions to the school and delegates to the Principal its functions and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

Only children of compulsory school age will be admitted to the school. In the event of the school being oversubscribed, children will be selected for admission to Primary 1 using the following admissions criteria, applied successively in the order listed:

- 1 Children who are resident in Northern Ireland at the time of the proposed admission to Primary 1.
- 2 Children who have a sibling enrolled in Nettlefield Primary School in the year of application.
- 3 Children who attended Nettlefield Nursery.
- 4 Children who have a sibling who earlier transferred to an off-site educational unit or post-primary school from Nettlefield Primary School.
- 5 Children who are the eldest or only child in the family.
- 6 Children who have a parent/guardian who attended Nettlefield Primary School.
- 7 Any other children up to the maximum admissions number.

If the admissions number is exceeded within any single criterion, priority will be given to children whose usual place of residence is closer to Nettlefield Primary School as measured by straight line on the current Ordnance Survey Greater Belfast Street Map - (closest boundaries between respective properties).

NOTES:

- a) Child-minders' addresses will not be considered.
- b) The term "sibling" includes children residing at the same address and under the guardianship of the same adult.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

The above criteria are subject to annual review by the Board of Governors.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	43	43
2010	39	39
2011	45	45

**ORANGEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
CAMERONIAN DRIVE
BELFAST
BT5 6DF**

Controlled School

Telephone No: 028 9070 4822

Principal: Mr T E Long, BEd Adv. Dip. Ed.

Admission No: 58

Enrolment No: 406

Orangefield Primary School is situated in the Castlereagh area of East Belfast. As well as normal Primary 1 to Primary 7 classes, there is a Nursery Unit in operation which accommodates a maximum of 52 children.

The Primary School is part of a campus which includes Grosvenor Grammar School and Orangefield High School making it relatively straightforward to share facilities for the provision of outdoor sports. The school recently re-located to superb new buildings within the complex.

The school ethos demands positive support from parents. This is much in evidence during educational trips and in the daily life of the school.

In addition to providing a broad and balanced curriculum, our values reflect traditional standards of good order, self discipline and hard work as well as stressing the importance of good interpersonal relationships. We regard Primary education as a co-operative venture between home and school and believe that Primary education is an end in itself to be enjoyed, as well as preparing children for secondary education.

The school places emphasis on the needs of the individual child, remembering that the spiritual, moral, intellectual and physical welfare of pupils is the prime purpose of education and acknowledges that each child has a contribution to make according to his/her ability.

There is a strong musical tradition, numerous after school activities and residential educational visits for Primary 6 and Primary 7 children.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY 1 - SEPTEMBER 2012

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admissions criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admissions of pupils to the school.

Only children of compulsory school age (i.e. children born between 2nd July 2007 and 1st July 2008, inclusive) will be considered for admission to Primary 1. In the event of the school being oversubscribed, the Governors will select children for admission to Primary 1 using the criteria set out below. Only information contained on application forms will be used when applying criteria.

The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set down. When so applying the criteria, should the number of children who satisfy the requirement of any criterion exceed the number of places still available within the school's admissions number, the remaining criteria (i.e. those not yet applied) will be applied successively and in the order set down, to the group of children who satisfied the criterion which caused the number of places available to be exceeded, until all of the available places have been allocated.

- (1) Preference will be given to applicants who have listed Orangefield Primary School as their first choice.
- (2) Children who have attended the school's pre-school provision including those with special educational needs who have been deemed suitable for mainstream education by the relevant psychological service.
- (3) Children whose parents are employed in the school.
- (4) Children who have a brother/sister, half-brother/half-sister or other children living permanently at the same address, who will be attending Orangefield Primary School in September 2012.
- (5) Children who have a brother/sister, half-brother/half-sister or other children living permanently at the same address who attended Orangefield Primary School but left in June the previous year to transfer to secondary education.
- (6) Children who have a brother/sister, half-brother/half-sister or other children living permanently at the same address who have attended Orangefield Primary School.
- (7) Priority will be given to those children living closest to the school. In applying this criterion, the Governors will award places on the basis of distance from the front door of the child's home to the front door of the school.

Distance will be determined by a straight-line measurement using an Ordnance Survey map

- (8) Preference will be given according to alphabetical order (as used in the telephone directory).

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 Form. 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 Form.

Parents of Primary 1 children are invited to meet the Head of Foundation and Key Stage 1 (Mrs C Montgomery) and other Primary 1 teachers on an evening during the Summer term prior to their children starting school in September. Children (and parents) can visit their new classrooms and meet their teachers on an afternoon during June, prior to starting school.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	62	59
2010	54	54
2011	69	58

Principal: Miss O O'Dowd

Admission No: 60

Enrolment No: 477

INTRODUCTION

In Our Lady's Girls' Primary School we believe that each child is an individual with individual talents, abilities and needs. Our concern is to ensure that each pupil acquires the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for responsible citizenship and for the challenge of tomorrow's world. We are committed to providing a broad, balanced curriculum for our children, ensuring that every child achieves her potential.

The ethos of our school reflects our aim to provide a Catholic education in a happy, caring, childcentred environment where the growth of the whole child is fostered. We expect high standards of work, behaviour and attitude and set targets of achievement which will stretch our children to their full potential.

To begin preparing our girls for an ever-changing work environment we have established strong links with local industry and with Business in the Community who support literacy, numeracy and computers and we have equipped the classrooms with the latest computer technology, with internet access.

The school's commitment to providing the very best educational environment for the children is reflected in our excellent new Computer Suite and Library. We provide specialist help to ensure that every child will acquire the skills necessary to read.

Music plays an important role in the life of the school. Our children are given the opportunity to learn a string, woodwind or brass instrument and to participate in many musical activities such as Church Festivals and school productions. We have an accomplished recorder ensemble, tin whistle group, and school orchestra.

The school has long established links with other primary schools. The children enjoy a range of educational experiences together which foster acceptance and understanding of each other's cultural identity. The school participates in Playing for Peace Basketball Tournament twinned with Victoria Park School.

The school provides a breadth of extra-curricular activities including Dancing, Computers, Creative Arts, Languages, Gaelic Games, Soccer, Netball and Ju-Jitsu.

The involvement of parents is actively encouraged in Our Lady's and we have a broad forum of commune with parents.

Our pupils play an active part in the running of the school through their own elected members to the School's Council.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The following criteria will be applied in the Order Set Down (1-2) by a sub-committee of the Board of Governors in selecting girls for admission to P1 in September 2012. Priority will be given at all times to girls regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of supporting evidence by parents and/or statutory agencies, as having special circumstances.

CRITERION 1 Girls of compulsory school age who normally reside in the parish of the Sacred Heart.

CRITERION 2 Girls of compulsory school age from other areas.

Sub-Criteria

In the event of over-subscription in either of the above criteria, taken in order, the following sub-criteria will be applied in the Order Set Down (a-c)

- (a) girls who have sisters/half-sisters presently enrolled in the school;
- (b) girls whose parent/guardian, sister/half-sister are prior pupils of the school;
- (c) girls whose parent/guardian is presently a permanent member of the school, teaching/ancillary/auxiliary staff.

If over-subscribed in any one of the sub-criteria, in order, final selection will be on the basis of closeness of the home to the school as measured by the shortest walking distance.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	40	40
2010	51	51
2011	47	47

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL Catholic Maintained Co-Educational
PARK LODGE School

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Principal: Mr C O'Grady B.Ed., MSc.

Admission No: 90

Enrolment No: 659

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School (known locally as Park Lodge) is a co-educational Catholic Maintained School, primarily serving the children of St Gerard's Parish.

Traditionally the school has drawn pupils from all parts of Belfast, in particular from the Antrim Road and Glengormley areas.

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School has a reputation for high academic, music and sporting performance.

Statement of Admission Criteria for Pupils of Compulsory School Age

These criteria will be applied in the ORDER SET DOWN when selecting children for admission to Year One in September 2012. Underage pupils will not be considered for admission to the school. **All applications must be accompanied by proof of residence (eg utility bill).**

In the event of over subscription, the Governors will consider only properly completed application forms which have been lodged with the school or Belfast Education and Library Board on or before the closing date as indicated on the official application form. **Please write the name of your parish on the application form.**

In the event where it is impossible to distinguish between children possessing the same criteria, places will be awarded according to age - oldest child being given the place.

- CRITERION 1** Children living in the Parish of St Gerard at the time of application.
- CRITERION 2** Children who have a brother or sister or half brother/half sister attending (or who have attended) the school. **(Names & Dates of Attendance)**
- CRITERION 3** Children of full-time employees at the school or children of Governors of the school.
- CRITERION 4** Children of past pupils. **(Names & Dates of Attendance)**
- CRITERION 5** Children who have a connection with the school by way of:
A parent or guardian who was a full time employee at or Governor of the school, or uncle or aunt who is attending or who has attended the school.

CRITERION 6 Children whose parental home is closest to the school. Distance will be determined by Ordnance and Survey information.

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 Form. 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 Form.

Priority will be given to children resident in Northern Ireland. After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill any vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	71	71
2010	110	90
2011	100	90

Principal: Mr R Irvine

Admission No: 59

Enrolment No: 413

Rosetta is a warm, caring school at the heart of the local community that is committed to ensuring that each child reaches his/her full potential. It has a long tradition of academic excellence, with a recent Education and Training Inspectorate report praising the high quality of the teaching, the behaviour of the children, the pride they take in their work and commenting that, "The teachers care deeply for the children and their welfare".

The historic building is well equipped with computers and an Interactive Whiteboard in each classroom, a large assembly hall, a library, art room, nursery unit and extensive grounds comprising a large grass area which is used for games and sports; and three separate play areas.

Rosetta is an inter-denominational school welcoming all children and where every child is valued. Over the years Rosetta has been enriched by being the first choice of many parents who have come to Northern Ireland from across the globe.

Rosetta has a strong musical tradition offering a wide range of instruments, with tuition from the School of Music, string ensemble, choir and regular concerts. There is a wide choice of activities including drama, dance, netball, swimming, cycling proficiency, dodgeball and football. All classes take part in school visits and trips locally and further afield, including residential trips in P6 and P7.

Parents play an active role in the school and are kept well informed and involved in their children's learning through regular meetings, parent interviews, written reports and newsletters. The Parent Teacher Association organises regular social and fundraising events and contributes greatly to the life of the school.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the School's "Admissions Criteria" and has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the School.

- 1 Children should be of compulsory School age.
- 2 Children who have a brother, sister, half-brother and/or half-sister enrolled in the School in the School Year 2012/2013.
- 3 Children who attended the Nursery Unit of the School in the School year 2011/2012.
- 4 Children whose parents will be employees in the School in the School Year 2012/2013.

- 5 Children whose brothers, sisters, half-brothers and/or half-sisters previously attended the School.
- 6 Children who live closest to the School. In applying this criterion the Governors will award places to children on the basis of the walking distance from the front door of their permanent residence to the main gate of the School, priority being given to those who live the shortest distance from the School.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	26	26
2010	27	27
2011	30	30

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Catholic Maintained School

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Principal: Mrs Patricia Quinn

Admission No: 60

Enrolment No: 436

Sacred Heart Primary School has a long established reputation within the Sacred Heart Parish and continues to be a vital part of the local Catholic Community.

Sacred Heart School provides a caring and secure atmosphere in which the children can grow and develop to their full potential in all aspects of their life.

The school building is modern and has been equipped to a high standard and utilises a wide range of reprographic and computer resources in order to meet the requirements of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. A broad and balanced curriculum is provided and the children have access to the best educational provision they require to meet their potential. Homework is an essential element of school life and gives the parents an insight into the type of work their children do in school as well as giving the child the chance to revise work already completed.

Children with Special Educational Needs are identified at the earliest opportunity and the most appropriate provision is sought. The school works with an extremely wide range of outside agencies for the benefit of our pupils, staff and parents.

We believe that everyone should be treated with the respect that they deserve, ensuring equality of opportunity and celebrating the success of all our pupils on a weekly and monthly basis. There is a school uniform, which the boys wear with pride.

We also recognise that when the school and home are in harmony the child's best interests are served. Therefore we maintain close links with all our parents throughout the year and invite them to discuss their child's progress at open nights and parent/teacher interviews.

Opportunities to broaden cultural interests are provided through sporting links with other schools, educational visits and participation in an extremely wide range of extra-curricular activities which include among others Gaelic football, hurling, soccer, Jujitsu, table-tennis, basketball, tin whistle and choir.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down (1-2) by a sub-committee of the Board of Governors in selecting boys for admission to P.1 in September 2012. Priority may be given at all times to pupils regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of supporting evidence by parents and/or statutory agencies, as having special circumstances.

CRITERION 1 Boys of compulsory school age who normally reside in Sacred Heart Parish.

CRITERION 2 Boys of compulsory school age from other areas.

SUB-CRITERIA

In the event of over-subscription in either of the above criteria, taken in order, the following sub-criteria will be applied in the order set down:

- (a) boys who have brothers, half-brothers presently enrolled in the school;
- (b) boys whose parent/guardian, brother, half-brother are past pupils of the school;
- (c) boys whose parent/guardian is presently a permanent member of the school teaching/ancillary/ auxiliary staff.

If over-subscribed in any one of the sub-criteria, taken in order (a-c) final selection will be on the basis of closeness of the home to the school as measured by shortest walking distance.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	22	22
2010	18	18
2011	20	20

Príomhoide: Fionnghuala McCotter

Uimhir iontrala: 21

Uimhir chlaraithe: 145

Is bunscoil lán-Ghaeilge í Scoil an Droichid a dhéanann riar ar dheisceart agus ar Oirthear Bhéal Feirste. Is é an leanbh croílár na scoile agus is í an príomh-aidhm atá ag Scoil an Droichid oideachas a thabhairt dár gcuid páistí trí mheán na Gaeilge i dtimpeallacht shona, airíoch, Chríostaí.

Ta tuiscint mhaith ag páistí na scoile ar a gcultúr fein agus cothaitear meas ar chultúir eile. Is mór an bhéim a chuirtear ar an éagsúlacht. Gné bhunúsach de shaol na scoile ról na dtuismitheoirí. Bíonn fáilte roimh thuismitheoirí sa scoil i dtólamh agus spreagtear iad le páirt ghníomhach a ghlacadh in oideachas a gcuid páistí. Cuirtear ar an eolas iad go rialta maidir le dul chun cinn a gcuid páistí le linn na bliana. Glactar leis má bhíonn daoine ar lorg áit da gcuid páistí sa scoil go mbíonn síad sásta glacadh le fealsúnacht agus rialacha na scoile.

CRITEIR IONTRÁLA

1. Páistí d'aois éigeantacht scoile a chríochnaigh clár sásúil tumoideachais i Naíscoil an Droichid.
2. Páistí d'aois éigeantacht scoile a chríochnaigh clár sásúil tumoideachais i Naíscoil eile seachas an ceann thuasluaite.

Tabharfar tús áite do:

- (a) Páistí d'aois éigeantach scoile a bhfuil/raibh deartháir no deirfiúr ag freastal ar Scoil an Droichid.
- (b) Páistí tuismitheoirí a úsaideann an Ghaeilge mar theanga teaghlaigh nó a léirigh suim nó a ghlac páirt ghníomhach in athbheochan na Gaeilge sa phobal.
- (c) Beidh áit ar bith eile atá fágtha tógtha do pháistí de réir – páistí is sine tús áite.

Principal: Fionnghuala McCotter

Admission No: 21

Enrolment No: 145

Scoil an Droichid is an Irish Medium Primary School serving South and East Belfast. The school is child-centred and the main aim of Scoil an Droichid is to educate our children to their full potential through the medium of Irish in a happy caring Christian environment. Children from the school have a strong sense of their own cultural identity and respect for other cultures is promoted in Scoil an Droichid with a strong emphasis placed on valuing diversity.

Parental involvement is a fundamental aspect of school life. Parents are always welcome in the school and are encouraged to take an active role in their children's education. They are kept regularly informed about their children's progress throughout the year. It is expected that application for admittance to the school will indicate an acceptance of the ethos and rules of the school.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- 1 Children of a compulsory school age who have completed a satisfactory Nursery immersion programme in Naíscoil an Droichid.
- 2 Children of a compulsory school age who have completed a satisfactory Nursery immersion programme in another Naíscoil other than that previously mentioned.

Priority will be given to:

- (a) Children of compulsory school age who have/had brothers or sisters attending Scoil an Droichid.
- (b) Children of parents who use the Irish language as their first language in the home or who have previously shown active involvement or interest in the revival of the Irish language.
- (c) Any remaining places will be allocated in order of age – Eldest first.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	14	14
2010	23	23
2011	23	23

Principal: Miss M J Bell MEd BEd DASE PQHNI

Admission No: 60

Enrolment No: 420

Seaview Primary School is situated in an area of mature, mainly owner occupied housing, lying between the Antrim Road and Shore Road. A double Nursery Unit provides for children of pre-school age. A private playgroup Kiddies' Castle catering for pre-nursery and nursery age children, is housed within the school building. Facilities within the school include; 15 classrooms, Computer Suite and Library, Assembly Hall, Music and Reading Rooms. Two inner Courtyards of the school accommodate a multipurpose interactive garden called 'The Green Room', and two safe outdoor play area for the playgroup, nursery and year 1 children. A large playing field and hockey pitch at the front of the school building affords an outlet for all sporting activities.

The school has a high academic standard based upon a broad, well-balanced curriculum which aims to cater for the needs and interests of the child as an individual. A high priority is placed on the acquisition of basic skills. The school insists on a high standard of behaviour with each child expected to work to the best of his/her ability and to become a responsible and contributing member of the school community. Pupils are expected to wear school uniform.

Pupils are encouraged to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities including a Breakfast Club, an After School Club, football, hockey, badminton, table tennis, Cycling Proficiency, Scripture Union, choir, recorder and violin ensemble, drama and dance. The Eco club has led the school in achieving 'Green Flag' status. A highlight of the year is the school's musical production.

Seaview enjoys positive support and co-operation from parents who are encouraged to take an active interest in their children's learning. An industrious PTA provides social and educational opportunities for children, parents, teachers and the wider community. Curricular workshops are provided for parents to effectively help their children at home and courses are available for parents who wish to develop their own skills. Parents have regular opportunities to meet with the class teachers. Close links are forged with the local community.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

Only pupils of compulsory school age will be admitted. In the event of being oversubscribed children will be selected for admission using criteria 1-4 in the order stated below.

- 1 Children who attended Seaview Nursery and Kiddies' Castle Playgroup in the school year 2011/2012.

- 2 Children who have a brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister
 - 2.1 enrolled in the school in the school year 2012/2013;
 - 2.2 who is a past pupil.
- 3 Children whose parents/guardians will be employees in the school year 2012-2013.
- 4 Children who live closest to the school.

In applying the criterion of distance to school, preference will be given to children whose permanent residence is closest to the school, as measured by a straight line on the Ordnance Survey Map, from the front door of the child's home to the front door of the school.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

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 Form. 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 Form.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	32	32
2010	47	47
2011	59	59

Principal: Mrs K Haugh

Admission No: 25

Enrolment No: 172

Springfield Primary School is a co-educational school under the control of Belfast Education and Library Board. The enrolment number is 172 and the admissions number is 25. The current enrolment is 105 pupils.

The building is two storied and comprises eight classrooms, dining-room, principal's office, staff room and two toilet blocks. One classroom is used as a centralised library and also for Special Educational Needs. Another room is used for our playgroup. There is ample playground space to the front, sides and rear of the school.

The school provides a broad and balanced curriculum designed to meet the needs of individual pupils. Extra-curricular activities include Scripture Union, swimming, football, cookery, crafts, sports, ICT, a Games Club and a Literacy/Numeracy Club.

Springfield functions as part of the community and has forged close links with the Churches, PSNI Community Affairs Branch, Girls' and Boys' Model Schools and the Shankill Leisure Centre. Parents are encouraged to take an active interest in their children's education through participation in school events, attendance at open days and evenings, accompanying teachers and children in educational visits and organization of fund-raising events. We ask parents to give their full co-operation and support to all school policies.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's admissions criteria and has delegated to the principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and admissions of pupils to the school. The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set down.

- 1 Children of compulsory school age.
- 2 Children who will have a brother, sister, half-brother and/or half-sister enrolled in the school in the school year 2012/2013.
- 3 Children who have family connections with the school.
- 4 Children who live in the immediate area of the school. In applying this criterion, the governors will award places to children on the basis of an Ordnance Survey Map from the front door of their home to the main gate of the school, priority being given to those who live the shortest distance from the school.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	17	17
2010	12	12
2011	21	21

Principal: J Andrews M.A. (Ed)

Admission No: 46

Enrolment No: 370

Springhill Primary School is a medium sized school of 400 situated on the Ballygomartin Road.

The main school, a two storey building, consists of an assembly hall and fifteen classrooms, special needs rooms and a main Library.

The School uses a blend of traditional and modern teaching methods and much thought has been given to the development of the N I Curriculum in all relevant subjects. Particular emphasis has been given to encouraging the pupils' full potential in numeracy and literacy. After school clubs include Scripture Union, Drama and Creative Dance.

Prospective pupils and parents will be given an opportunity in the summer term prior to entry to visit the school, meet the teachers and become acquainted with School life. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education and school activities.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Only children of compulsory school age will be admitted.

In the event of the school being over subscribed, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set down. When so applying the criteria, should the number of children who satisfy the requirement of any criterion exceed the number of places still available within the school's admissions number, the remaining criteria (ie. those not yet applied) will be applied successively and in the order set down, to the group of children who satisfied the criterion which caused the number of places to be exceeded, until all the available places have been allocated.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA (in order of priority)

- 1 Attendance of brothers/sisters, half-brothers/half-sisters at Springhill Primary School in the current year.
- 2 Previous attendance of brothers/sisters, half-brothers/half-sisters, mothers or fathers at Springhill Primary School.
- 3 Children who have parents or guardians in permanent employment in Springhill Primary School.
- 4 Remaining places: The Governors will award the places to children on the basis of proximity from the front door of their house to the main gate of Springhill Primary School as determined by a straight line on the most recent Ordnance Survey Greater Belfast Map.

Admissions Criteria Y2 - 7

Pupils will be accepted in Y2-7 year groups to a maximum of the current admissions number in Y1.

The admissions criteria for pupils wishing to be admitted to Y2-7 year groups will be as follows:

- 1 Children who:
 - 1.1 have siblings at the school;
 - 1.2 have close family connections with the school, ie have parents who attended the school;
 - 1.3 have parents who are permanent members of staff;
 - 1.4 have previously attended the school.
- 2 Children wishing to be admitted as a family group.
- 3 The Governors will award remaining places to children on the basis on proximity from the front door of their house to the main gate of Springhill Primary School as determined by a straight line on the most recent Ordnance Survey Greater Belfast Map.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	32	32
2010	31	31
2011	24	24

Principal: Mr R Hunter BEd, MEd, PQH
Chaplain: Fr A Denny

Admission No: 72

Enrolment No: 504

St. Aidan's CBPS (An Edmund Rice School) has been serving the local community of Ballymurphy and Upper Springfield since 1961. We cater for children from a diverse range of backgrounds and have been quick to respond to the needs of young people and families in developing the skills required to achieve full potential.

As part of the Edmund Rice Schools Network, we share a simple yet powerful vision: To promote full personal and social development in caring Christian communities of learning and teaching. This is realised through 5 key elements of an Edmund Rice School:

1. Nurturing faith, Christian spirituality and Gospel-based values.
2. Promoting partnership in the school community
3. Excelling in teaching and learning
4. Creating a caring school community
5. Inspiring transformational leadership

The school's curriculum provides opportunities for all to succeed and we believe that we have a great balance between academic and personal development. We constantly question what it means to be 'educated' in the widest possible terms and adjust our response accordingly.

We have dedicated numeracy and language support teachers to enable us to reach our goal of developing the skills necessary for lifelong learning. We also have a computer suite with sixteen PCs linked to the internet.

The school recognises the need to develop real and purposeful partnerships with parents and the wider community. To help us achieve this, we are an active member of the Upper Springfield Extended Schools' Cluster; this gives us access to a wide range of services tailored to meet the needs of the children and the wider family network.

To support the range of services available, we have a dedicated parent room where parents can meet on a daily basis as a social gathering and as a venue for training programmes. We are delighted to report that a number of parents who returned to education after many years succeeded in achieving accreditation for Literacy and Mathematics.

To ensure that children are ready to learn, we have a well attended breakfast club where parents and children can start their day in a relaxed environment.

We constantly assess the value and impact of our work and as a result, we seek the valued input of children in the form of a school council that meets regularly to evaluate our performance and provide valuable feed back.

St Aidan's has a long history of sporting achievements with firmly established Gaelic, Hurling and Soccer teams who have had great success at local and county level. We also have swimming lessons at the local leisure centre to further promote the health and well-being of children. The sporting achievements complement the school's emphasis upon creative and expressive aspects of a child's development. This is achieved through community art projects; cookery and African drum classes where children can work with their parents on a wide range of programmes. The added benefit is that parent/child classes give children a great incentive and confidence boost towards reaching their full potential.

Our personal development programme has been extended in recent years with the school being the first Catholic primary school in Northern Ireland to achieve 'Peaceful Schools' status as part of 'Peaceful Schools International'. This link helps us to develop the skills that children need in everyday life: coping strategies that impact on all aspects of child development.

Our Pastoral Care and Child Protection policies are robustly designed, monitored and evaluated to support and protect the children and families that we serve.

Policy as determined by the Board of Governors

Children who are of compulsory school age, (i.e. born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted unless that figure is in excess of the admission number (72) as specified by the Department of Education.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Where applications exceed admission number the following criteria will apply in the order set down.

- 1 Boys who have, or have had a brother enrolled at the school.
- 2 Boys whose parent/guardian is presently a permanent member of the school teaching/ancillary/ auxiliary staff.
- 3 Boys whose parent/guardian are past pupils of the school.

The Board of Governors has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	19	19
2010	22	22
2011	18	18

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Catholic Maintained School

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Principal: M Keenan B.Ed., DASE, M.Ed., PQH(NI)

Admission No: 120

Enrolment No: 860

St Anne's is a Catholic School, which strives to achieve excellence in the standards of learning and teaching and the holistic development of the child through the daily living out of our Catholic Faith.

Each child is supported and encouraged to fulfil his or her spiritual, social, emotional and aesthetic potential. Central to this is the recognition of the worth and value of each child and the cultivation of his or her self-esteem and respect for others, using Christ as our model.

The school, which opened in 1956, has been regularly extended to accommodate its increasing population. It is set in extensive grounds between Finaghy and Dunmurry and boasts modern facilities, including interactive whiteboards in every classroom, two computer suites, an art room, a music room, two libraries, a room for Personal Development and Mutual Understanding and a medical room.

Breakfast is available in the Dining Room from 8.30 am to 9.00 am each morning for P4-7 pupils. School dinners are available at lunch time in the two Dining Rooms.

The school also includes a purpose-built Nursery Unit, accommodating two classes with a total of fifty-two pupils.

St Anne's is staffed by the Principal, the Vice-Principal, thirty class teachers and three Special Needs teachers (two full-time and one part-time). Each Primary 1 and Primary 2 class has a Classroom Assistant.

The school delivers the full range of The Revised Northern Ireland Curriculum to the highest standards, in accordance with statutory requirements. We strive for high academic, sporting and artistic achievement on the part of our pupils. We recognise each child as an individual, with individual needs, which we seek to meet, and with individual talents, which we seek to nurture.

At St Anne's we value and encourage links with our parents. We have parents' curricular meetings, formal parent-teacher meetings and informal parent-teacher discussions. Regular newsletters inform parents of the life of the school and parents are invited to regular school events.

We have a very active and supportive Parents' Association, which organises a range of after-school activities. Primary 1, 2 and 3 pupils can participate in the "Body and Mind" Programme. Primary 4 to Primary 7 pupils can enjoy basketball, netball, dance, soccer, guitar, arts and crafts, Gaelic football, camogie and hurling. The Parents' Association also organises many successful social and fund-raising events.

There is a school band and a strings orchestra which meet once per week after school. Tutors from the City of Belfast School of Music provide instrumental tuition in strings, woodwind and brass during curriculum time. The school engages in cross-community programmes and events. We also have international links with schools in Europe. We encourage our pupils to participate in public competitions, we organise visits to educational facilities and invite interesting educationalists into school.

We place a high emphasis on the pastoral care of our pupils and promote their social and emotional well-being. We follow a Positive Behaviour Policy and pupils are expected to maintain a high standard of behaviour at all times. A Healthy Break Policy operates throughout the school. Pupils are expected to wear full school uniform.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR SEPTEMBER 2012 - ONLY CHILDREN OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE WILL BE CONSIDERED.

The Board of Governors has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of the criteria and the admission of pupils to the Primary school. All references below to the 'Board of Governors' refer to the Principal.

The following criteria will be applied by the Board of Governors in the order 1 to 6 set out below. Priority will be given firstly to pupils normally resident in Northern Ireland at the time of admission, and then to those pupils regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of supporting evidence from parents and statutory agencies, as having special medical, educational or social circumstances.

- 1 Children whose brothers/sisters, half brothers/sisters attend St Anne's and who reside in the Parish of St Anne's.
- 2 Children who reside in the Parish of St Anne's.
- 3 Children who live outside the Parish of St Anne's, but whose brothers/sisters, half brothers/sisters attend St Anne's.
- 4 Children of the permanent teaching and non-teaching staff, who are employed in St Anne's.
- 5 Children attending St Anne's Nursery Unit.
- 6 Children who live outside the Parish of St Anne's.

If the school is over-subscribed after the application of the above criteria, selection will be on the basis of the home address of the child which is nearest the school. Distance will be determined by a straight line measurement on the Ordnance Survey map, from the front door of the main entrance (Block D) to the front door of the child's home.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

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 Form. 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 Form.

ADMISSIONS AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Criteria are the same as for Primary 1 admissions above.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	103	103
2010	123	120
2011	120	120

ST. BERNADETTE'S GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
GLENALINA ROAD
BELFAST
BT12 7JG

Catholic Maintained School

Telephone No: 028 9032 0524

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Principal: Mrs C O'Reilly M.SC, B.ED (Hons)

Admission No: 75

Enrolment No: 522

OUR SCHOOL VISION: HAPPY CHILDREN LEARNING HOW TO LEARN

The experienced and committed staff of St Bernadette's aim to create a caring christian community where each child experiences love and acceptance, feels valued and special, and develops respect and care for herself and others.

We do this in an environment which fosters the Catholic Faith. Our school is dedicated to St Bernadette and she is our model.

St Bernadette's prides itself in providing a relaxed, comfortable, non-threatening atmosphere wherein children participate in the Northern Ireland Curriculum and where children's talents and abilities are fostered. Our performance data indicate that St Bernadette's is a high achieving school.

Our aims are to provide each child with opportunities:

- To reach her full potential spiritually, emotionally, academically, socially and physically.
- To learn how to learn and think, through the development of skills and capabilities for lifelong learning.
- To develop responsibility, autonomy and independence.
- To gain self-esteem, confidence and self-discipline.

We recognise that these aims can only be achieved through partnership with parents and the local parish community. We welcome and encourage parents' and children's participation at all levels in the school through Flying Start, Better Reading Partnership, IMPACT, School Council, Extended Schools' activities and our Parent Facilitator.

We seek to share this vision with all participants in the children's learning.

St Bernadette's Performance Arts' recent achievements are:

- Bangor Choral Festival - Musical Theatre and Choir winners 2010/2011
- Belfast Festival – (Music and Drama) - 2009 and 2010 winners Musical Theatre and Choir
- ACA Charity Lunch in Europa
- African drumming workshop with Seckou Keita(world class drummer) -2010/2011
- Navan festival 2009 - 1st place – Musical Theatre
- Navan festival 2008 - 1st place and 2nd place - Musical Theatre/Choir
- Navan festival 2008 KS2 choir hymn singing
- Stars in Your Eyes - 2011
- Calamity Jane - 2011

Some children have also been selected by the Belfast School of Music for violin, clarinet, flute tuition and African Drumming. Music staff provides individual class music.

We provide Out of School Learning/Extended Schools' activities eg. ICT, Drama, Dance, Music, Tin Whistle, Spanish, French etc.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down 1 - 4 by the Board of Governors of St Bernadette's Girls' Primary School Belfast in selecting the children for admission. The criteria shall be applied by the principal in conjunction with the chairman of the Board of Governors.

CRITERION 1 Children of compulsory school age who normally reside in the parish of Corpus Christi, Belfast.

CRITERION 2 Children who are transferring from St Bernadette's and Matt Talbot's Nurseries.

CRITERION 3 Children of compulsory school age transferring from other nurseries and playgroups.

CRITERION 4 Children of compulsory school age from other areas or parishes.

When the school is applying criteria 3 and 4 priority consideration will be given to children who are the oldest.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	21	21
2010	21	21
2011	16	16

**ST. BRIDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
DERRYVOLGIE AVENUE
BELFAST
BT9 6FP**

**Catholic Maintained Co-
Educational School**

**Telephone No: 028 9038 1700
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Principal: Mr P Carswell

Admission No: 116

Enrolment No: 809

St. Bride's is situated between the Malone and Lisburn Roads. The school, which opened in 1902, moved to its present site in 1974.

The school also houses a nursery, catering for 52 children in a self-contained unit within the main building.

The school is staffed by the Principal and 36 full-time and 1 part time teachers and places high value on academic achievement.

Our aim is to educate the children through the transmission of our culture and values in accordance with the Catholic tradition. This tradition fosters the development of the whole child in his/her spiritual and moral training as well as in academic achievement. The school offers a broad and balanced curriculum, designed to meet the needs of all the children at their different stages of development. Opportunities are provided to enable the children to discover and develop their talents and through observation the teachers foster and encourage this growth.

The Principal and staff are fully aware of the importance of establishing and maintaining a friendly and professional working relationship between home and school, and for parents to understand what the school is trying to achieve in the education of their children. Parents are encouraged to participate actively in the life of the school through parent/teacher meetings, interviews, school reports, newsletters, social events and through membership of the Parent/Teacher Association.

Educational visits to historical, geographical and science centres are an integral part of our curriculum. The school offers a wide range of sporting and recreational activities such as Gaelic football, soccer, hockey and netball. A high priority is placed on music and drama. The school offers tuition in violin, viola, cello, clarinet, flute, oboe and various brass instruments with the children having opportunities to perform in the school orchestra.

Parents of prospective pupils may visit the school by arrangement.

CRITERIA

Only children of compulsory school age, i.e. children born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive, will be considered.

The Board of Governors has established the school's admissions criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to their application.

Admissions Criteria for Year 1

In the event of the school being oversubscribed the following criteria will be applied in the order listed below:

- 1 Children of compulsory school age who are residents of St. Brigid's Parish.
- 2 Children of compulsory school age whose parent/guardian is a member of the permanent teaching, auxiliary or ancillary staff (or who has been appointed to take up imminent employment).
- 3 Children of compulsory school age who have brothers/half-brothers, sisters/half-sisters presently enrolled in the school.
- 4 Children of compulsory school age who are brothers/half-brothers, sisters/half-sisters of past pupils of St. Bride's.
- 5 Children of compulsory school age from other areas.

Within each criterion priority will be given to those pupils regarded by the Board of Governors as having special circumstances, e.g. medical, educational, social supported by evidence from parents and statutory agencies.

In the event of a tie in any one of the criteria, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first and thereafter on the basis of initial letter of surname (as entered on the birth certificate) in the order set down below:-

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

(This order was determined by a randomized selection of letters of the alphabet)

In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forename will be used.

Duty to Verify

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After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	113	113
2010	139	120
2011	123	116

ST. CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
323 CUPAR STREET
SPRINGFIELD ROAD
BELFAST
BT13 2SE

Catholic Maintained School

Telephone No: 028 9033 0852
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Principal: Mrs C White

Admission No: 83

Enrolment No: 581

St Clare's Primary School opened in September 2005 and is a new co-educational school which serves the local community needs with a modern purpose built accommodation catering for 581 pupils. Our facilities include large play areas, dining hall, assembly hall, a library, a music room, two computer suites and numerous interactive boards throughout the school in classrooms.

The aim of the school is to develop the full potential of each child spiritually, academically, socially and physically in a safe and happy environment that is inclusive of all. The school provides a broad and balanced curriculum, which gives its pupils a sound educational base on which to build their lives.

Children are taught in mixed ability classes and help is provided for children requiring additional support in learning. All children receive a wide range of Physical Education eg swimming and Fundamental Skills. Music is highly valued in the school with musical productions performed at Christmas and at the end of each academic year. The children also have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument as staff from the City of Belfast School of Music provide violin tuition and classes are taught Recorder and Tin Whistle. Our Extended School activities include a Breakfast Club, Gaelic, Hurling, Drama, Music, Art, Computers, Irish and First Aid. Parents and pupils can also avail of the services of a Barnardo's Counsellor throughout the school year.

It is expected that parents will join with the staff in their commitment to the values and ideals, which underpin the ethos of the Catholic faith. The active participation of parents in the education of their children is highly valued and is encouraged. We also have a thriving and growing parents group who support the school through fund raising and organizing a range of fun and educational activities outside school hours.

The entire staff of the school, both teaching and non-teaching display an exceptional degree of commitment to their pupils and to the local community.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Only children of compulsory school age ie born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive will be considered.

- 1 Children transferring from St Clare's Nursery Unit on 30 June 2012.
- 2 Children of compulsory school age who live in the parish of St. Paul's.
- 3 Children of compulsory school age whose parent/guardian is a member of the permanent teaching, auxiliary or ancillary staff of St Clare's Primary School.

4 Children of compulsory school age from other areas.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	47	47
2010	66	66
2011	61	61

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL
FINAGHY ROAD NORTH
BELFAST
BT11 9EH

Catholic Maintained School

Telephone No: 028 9061 4412

Website: www.StJohnTheBaptistPS.org

Principal: Mrs Jeannette Chapman, M.Ed

Admission No: 60

Enrolment No: 425

St John The Baptist Primary School is a new co-educational primary school which was established in 2011 as a result of the amalgamation of St John The Baptists Boys' PS and St John The Baptist Girls' PS. The two schools are currently accommodated on a joint site and the new school will be based on this site.

The school will open with an estimated enrolment of 480 pupils in Years 1 to 7. The current schools have been working closely together for a number of years and are very well placed to ensure a smooth transition for the pupils, as well as for staff and the parents.

St John the Baptist enjoys the excellent support from the parents and local community, we believe in working together as a faith community to fully prepare our pupils for life in an increasingly culturally diverse society. We aim to encourage all pupils to be positive and confident about themselves in their faith, uniqueness and diversity.

To achieve this, our job is not about giving every one of our children the very best education, but also inspiring them to become interested, life-long learners. We aim to give every pupil the opportunity to experience a broad and balanced curriculum which meets their individual needs. The school benefits greatly from having two computer suites and two newly refurbished libraries. In addition, each classroom has an interactive whiteboard. A high standard of work, conduct and personal achievement will be expected at all times.

To accommodate working parents we have from Monday to Friday:

- A Breakfast Club and Early Morning Club that operates from 8.00am, all children may join the club.
- An after school club for P1-P3 pupils from 2-3pm

The new school will continue and build upon the wide range of extra curricular activities currently being provided. These activities include Cycling Proficiency, Netball, Art, French, Science, Computer Club, Dancing, Judo, and Specialist Music Tuition. All children have the opportunity to participate in schools concerts, sports days and educational visits.

The values and vision for Catholic Education will underpin the life of the new school. St John the Baptist Primary School will be a school in which children will feel safe and are challenged to learn and develop and where parents will be warmly welcomed and encouraged to participate in the education of their children. The new school will therefore continue the proud tradition of the existing two schools in developing their children to their full potential.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR PRIMARY ONE PUPILS

The following criteria will be applied in the by the Board of Governors of St John the Baptist Primary School in selecting children for admission to Primary 1 in September 2012.

Within each criteria, taking into account the resources of the school, priority will be given to pupils regarded by the Board of Governors as deserving of special consideration on the basis of specific medical/social circumstances where this is supported by evidence from parent/statutory agencies. Only children of compulsory school age (born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008) will be considered for admission to the school.

CRITERION 1 Children who normally reside in the Parish of St. Michael's.

CRITERION 2 Children who have brothers/sisters (half-brothers/sisters) presently enrolled in St. John the Baptist Primary School.

CRITERION 3 Children whose parent/guardian is presently a permanent member of St. John the Baptist Primary School teaching/auxiliary/ancillary staff in this order.

CRITERION 4 Children whose parent/guardian, brothers/sisters (half-brothers/sisters) are past pupils of the schools.

CRITERION 5 Children transferring from St. Michael's Nursery School/Playgroup.

CRITERION 6 Children from other areas who do not fulfil Criterion 1-5.

If over-subscribed in any one of the Criteria, taken in order, final selection will be on the basis of closeness of the home to the school as measured by the shortest walking distance.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	61	61
2010	47	47
2011	63	63

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
31A HOLLAND DRIVE
BELFAST
BT5 6EH

Catholic Maintained School

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E-mail: jryan157@c2kni.net

Website: www.stjosephsps.co.uk

Principal: Mr Joseph Ryan, B.Ed. MEd.

Admission No: 60

Enrolment No: 423

St Joseph's Primary School caters for boys and girls from the parish of St Colmcille and surrounding areas. The present school building was opened in 1957, and is situated in the grounds of St Colmcille's Church. St Joseph's has a teaching staff consisting of Principal, 12 classroom teachers and a learning support teacher with a pupil/teacher ratio of 23:1. The school also has 4 general classroom assistants and 3 SEN classroom assistants.

The school facilities include at least one computer in every classroom, a well-stocked library which also serves as a computer room, a fully equipped gym, an art room, separate play areas for the two Key Stage groups and an outdoor structured play area for Primary 1 pupils.

The highly motivated staff of the school strive to provide the highest standard of teaching and learning for all pupils within a caring and stimulating learning environment. We strive to create a secure and safe environment which is conducive to learning and which reflects the values and beliefs of our catholic community.

We acknowledge that every child is special, and the staff encourage and support all pupils to develop their talents and potential to the full. St Joseph's has a very happy family atmosphere, and we value greatly the strong partnership we enjoy with parents and local groups.

A thriving and very active Parent-Teacher Association provides the school with additional resources, moral support and organises special functions for the school.

At St Joseph's, we place great emphasis on the pastoral care of the children. A positive approach to discipline encourages good behaviour and work practices, with a reward system in place in all classes.

In addition to teaching the full range of learning areas of the Northern Ireland Curriculum, the school offers a variety of activities which contribute to a broad and a balanced curriculum.

Football, badminton, choir, dance and basketball are provided on an extra curricular basis. Staff from the City of Belfast School of Music provide tuition in string, brass and wind instruments. The Sleepy Hollow Group has a Breakfast Club and an After-school care facility within the school building.

We are proud of the close liaison we enjoy with other schools in the area. St. Joseph's is involved with Strandtown Primary School as part of the Schools Community Relations Programme and we also have a partnership link with Ashfield Girls' Secondary School (ICT Specialism School).

Pupils wear a royal blue school top available from the school supplier.

St Colmcille's Pre-school is also based in the parish and caters for children who are 3-4 years old (pre-school pupils).

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the schools admissions criteria and has delegated to the Principal responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

CRITERION 1 Children of compulsory school age who normally reside in the parish of St Colmcille.

CRITERION 2 Children of compulsory school age from other areas.

In the event of over-subscription in any one of the above criteria, the following sub-criteria will be applied in the order as listed below.

- (a) Children who have brothers/sisters (half-brothers/sisters) presently enrolled in the school.
- (b) Children whose parent/guardian, brothers/sisters (half-brothers/sisters) have been pupils at the school.
- (c) Children whose parent/guardian is presently a member of the school staff.
- (d) Children who have attended St Colmcille's Pre-school.
- (e) Children who live nearest the school. In applying this criterion the Board of Governors will award places to children on the basis of the shortest walking distance from the front door of their home to the nearest gate of the school as measured on an Ordnance Survey map.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

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The Board of Governors also draws your attention to the fact "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 form."

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	48	48
2010	46	46
2011	54	54

**ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
SLATE STREET
BELFAST
BT12 4LD**

**Catholic Maintained Co-
Educational School
Telephone No: 028 9032 3683
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Principal: Mrs M McQuillan

Admission No: 49

Enrolment No: 340

St Joseph's Primary School caters for boys and girls of all abilities. The main aim of the school is to develop the full potential of each child - spiritually, academically, culturally and physically.

This is accomplished through a broad, balanced curriculum and a programme of personal and social development. Where possible, teaching groups are small to promote effective learning situations and the development of good pupil/teacher relationships.

Pupils' progress is monitored by a system of continuous assessment and specialist help is provided for children experiencing literacy and numeracy difficulties.

Our modern school premises are well equipped with a wide range of audio-visual, reprographic and computer resources, including two computer suites and interactive white boards.

A comprehensive programme of extra-curricular activities is provided including a Breakfast Club, Computer Club, Cookery Club, Art + Craft and Dance. Children are encouraged to participate in team sports and coaching is offered in Netball, Soccer and Gaelic.

Music plays an important part in the life of the school. The school choir participates in school and community events throughout the year. All pupils take part in school productions – KS1 at Christmas and KS2 in June each year.

The school is involved in EMU and pupils are encouraged to take part in fund-raising for local and Third World charities.

There is a wide range of opportunities to celebrate cultural diversity culminating in our annual "World Food Day" event, held in the summer term.

Parents are encouraged to develop a close relationship with the school through both formal and informal meetings. Parents' meetings are held regularly and consultation with parents is an important feature of the life of the school.

A Parents' Centre is located on site where the parents can meet at any time for both formal and informal activities. Various courses and programmes are run throughout the school year to encourage parental involvement. Consultation with the parents is seen as crucial to the success of the pupils in the school.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS IN SEPTEMBER 2012

The following criteria have been drawn up by the Board of Governors of St Joseph's PS to be applied in order of priority when deciding on admissions to the school in 2012.

The Board of Governors has delegated their application to a sub-committee comprising the Principal, teacher representative and a trustee representative.

- 1 Children of compulsory school age who reside within the parish of St Peter's.
- 2 (a) Children of compulsory school age who have traditional family association and connections with the school.

(b) Children of compulsory school age, whose relatives are permanent employees of the school.

(c) Children of compulsory school age, with special circumstances of a social or medical nature.

(d) Children of compulsory school age from outside St Peter's parish.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	41	41
2010	27	27
2011	22	22

ST. KEVIN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
446 FALLS ROAD
BELFAST
BT12 6EN

**Catholic Maintained Co-
Educational School**

Telephone No: 028 9032 6791

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Principal: Mrs Angela McLoughlin

Admission No: 87

Enrolment No: 610

St. Kevin's Primary School has served the community of St John's parish for some 77 years. The original Boys' and Girls' Schools were amalgamated within the original building in 1993. In September 2004 we moved to a new state of the art school which has been designed to meet the many educational challenges of the 21st Century. Modern facilities include interactive whiteboards in each classroom, a fully equipped computer suite and library.

At St Kevin's we are concerned about the overall development of each child in our care. We strive to create a happy, secure, well disciplined environment which is conducive to learning and which reflects the values and beliefs of our catholic community. Our curriculum is broad and balanced offering a wide variety of learning experiences which promote the development of ICT skills and which satisfy the demands of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. Through sport, music, drama and Education for Mutual Understanding we help children develop an understanding of their own culture and promote respect and understanding for that of others.

Children are taught in mixed ability classes and help is provided for children requiring additional support in literacy and numeracy.

Music is highly valued in the school and our school choir participates in community and school events throughout the year.

We offer a wide range of extra curricular activities including homework club, multi media club, netball, art, film club, African drums, tin whistle, Breakfast club, eco schools, green fingers, board games, technology and Toy and Book Library.

We see parents as partners and encourage them to support their children's learning and to play an active role in the life of the school.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of children to the school.

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down.

- 1 Children of compulsory school age who normally reside in the Parish of St. John the Evangelist.
- 2 Siblings of children already attending the school.
- 3 Children who have attended St Maria Goretti Nursery School or St John's Playgroup.

4 Children whose parent/guardian is currently a permanent member of the teaching/non-teaching staff.

5 Children of past pupils.

In the event of over-subscription in any of the above criteria final selection will be on the basis of closeness of the home to the school as measured using an Ordnance Survey Map.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising with the schools admission number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	81	81
2010	60	60
2011	94	90

**ST. MALACHY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
ELIZA STREET
BELFAST
BT7 2BJ**

**Catholic Maintained Co-
Educational School**

**Telephone No: 028 9032 7460
Fax No: 028 9024 2484**

Principal: Mr B White, BEd, MA

Admission No: 50

Enrolment No: 350

St. Malachy's Primary School was opened in September 1987 as a result of the amalgamation of St. Colman's Primary School and St. Malachy's Girls' School. It is our policy as a Catholic School to create an atmosphere in which our pupils will be helped to live and experience Christian values which will promote their spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual, cultural, and physical development. We aim to achieve this by providing a broad and balanced curriculum which fully meets the demands of the Northern Ireland Curriculum and is delivered by a caring, professional and very experienced staff.

Parents are encouraged to play a full and active role in their children's education and are always made welcome at the school. They are also invited to formal interviews each year to be given a detailed report on their child's progress. With the co-operation of our parents we hope to build on the many successes of the past.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors have drawn up the school's admission criteria and has delegated to the principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

Only children of compulsory school age (ie children born on or between 2 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to the school. In the event of the school being over-subscribed the Governors will select children for admission to primary one using the admission criteria set out below. The criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set down. When applying the criteria, should the number of children who satisfy the requirement of any criteria exceed the number of places available within the schools admissions number, the remaining criteria will be applied successively, and in the order set down, until all of the available places have been allocated.

CRITERION 1 Children who have attended St. Malachy's Nursery Unit.

CRITERION 2 Children who normally reside in the parish of St. Malachy's.

CRITERION 3 Children who have a brother/sister (half-brother/sister) presently enrolled in the school.

CRITERION 4 Children whose parent /guardian, brother / sister (half brother / sister) are prior pupils of the school (or of St. Colman's or St. Malachy's before the amalgamation in 1987).

CRITERION 5 Children whose parent / guardian will be permanent members of staff in the school year 2012/ 2013.

CRITERION 6 Children who live in the immediate area of the school. In applying the criteria the Governors will award the places to children on the basis of the walking distance from the front door of their home to the main gate of the school, priority being given to those who live the shortest distance from the school.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

“Applicants should note that they may be required to produce documents verifying their address”.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	34	34
2010	40	40
2011	55	55

Principal: Mr G Murphy

Admission No: 19

Enrolment No: 130

DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL AND POLICY ON ADMISSIONS FOR PRIMARY 1

St Mary's welcomes children from the Parish of St Mary's.

As a Catholic School we aim to provide a happy, caring and welcoming environment in which there is mutual respect and a genuine love for one another. Particular attention is given to the preparation of the children for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.

The school aims to fully develop the potential of each child by providing a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum which reflects the requirements of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. Particular emphasis is placed on the development of literacy and numeracy.

We continue to extend and improve the provision for Special Educational Needs. At present, we offer a Breakfast Club, Afterschool Provision, Reading Recovery and Outreach Support.

Strong links have been built up between the school and parents. The home/school liaison provision and open door policy ensure that parents are kept fully informed of all aspects of their child's education and have easy access to discuss and consult with staff.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- 1 Children of compulsory school age who normally reside in the Parish of St Mary's.
- 2 Children of compulsory school age from other areas.
- 3 Children aged four years who normally reside in the Parish of St Mary's and who have not attained the lower limit of compulsory school age.
- 4 Children aged four years from other areas who have not attained the lower limit of compulsory school age.

In the event of over-subscription in any one of the criteria, the following sub-criteria will be applied in the order set down.

- (a) Children who have brothers/sisters, half-brothers/half-sisters presently enrolled in the school.
- (b) Children whose parents/guardian, brother/sister, (half-brother/half-sister) were prior pupils of the school.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	11	11
2010	11	11
2011	18	18

ST. MARY'S STAR OF THE SEA PRIMARY SCHOOL
730 SHORE ROAD
BELFAST
BT15 4HL

Catholic Maintained
Co-Educational School
Telephone No: 028 9037 0023
Fax No: 028 9037 0023
E-mail: info@stmarysstarof the sea.belfast.ni.sch.uk
Website: www.stmarysbelfast.org.uk

'Caring and Learning Together'

Principal: K McGarry, MEd, PQH(NI)
Vice-Principal: S McNamee, BA(Hons), PQH(NI)

Admission No: 51

Enrolment No: 354

St. Mary's Star of the Sea Primary School was opened in 1938 to cater for the educational needs of the boys and girls in the parish of Greencastle. This includes the Graymount, Whitewell, Lower Serpentine, Longlands, Bawnmore and Shore Road areas.

The school acknowledges that each child is an individual with their own special abilities needs and talents and our aim is to develop these to their full potential within the context of a Catholic and caring school community. We also aim to share with the home a growth in the Catholic faith through prayer and preparation for the sacraments.

In order to assist with the implementation of the N.I. Curriculum the school is equipped to a high standard. This includes a refurbished P.E. hall and library. Education Technology facilities are continually being upgraded and extended and each classroom is equipped with an interactive whiteboard. We have a strong link with Northgate Managed Services which provides volunteers for educational and maintenance projects.

The School Choir group participates at various functions throughout the year. All children from year 5 to year 7 receive swimming lessons for a term each year.

Our Breakfast Club operates each morning from 8.15am and a wide range of after schools activities are provided through Extended Schools. Lessons in French and Irish are currently offered.

In St. Mary's we value all our contacts with parents both formal and informal and appreciate the voluntary help which they provide on many occasions during the school year. We have close links with our local nursery school, St Mary's Nursery, Greencastle.

Parents are invited to attend curriculum information meetings and have an individual appointment with the teacher to discuss their child's progress. Teachers are willing to make appointments for parents at other times to discuss their concerns should the need arise. We see our school as an integral part of the local community and strive to maintain good working relationships between all our stakeholders.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school admissions criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

Only children of compulsory school age (i.e. children born on or between 2nd July 2007 and 1st July 2008 inclusive) will be admitted to the school.

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down 1-4 in selecting children for admission to Primary 1 in September 2012. Priority will be given at all times to pupils regarded by the Board of Governors as having special circumstances (medical or social factors) on the basis of supporting evidence by parents and/or statutory agencies.

CRITERION 1 Children of compulsory school age who normally reside in the Parish of Greencastle.

CRITERION 2 Children of compulsory school age from other areas.

CRITERION 3 Children aged 4 but who have not attained the lower limit of compulsory school age and who normally reside in the Parish of Greencastle.

CRITERION 4 Other children aged 4 who have not attained the lower limit of compulsory school age.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	16	16
2010	11	11
2011	14	14

**ST. MATTHEW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEAFORDE STREET
BELFAST
BT5 4EW**

**Catholic Maintained
Co-Educational School
Telephone No: 028 9045 7885
Fax No: 028 9045 8477**

**Principal: J McGuinness MSc DASE Bed PQSH
Chairman: Mr Eddie McCrory**

Admission No: 55

Enrolment No: 388

St. Matthew's is a modern Primary School in East Belfast. The new school opened in September 1995 continuing a tradition of education in the parish which began in 1846. The school is pleasantly situated between the Mountpottinger and Lower Newtownards Road area of East Belfast. The school is of a traditional brick type with excellent facilities which include a fully equipped gymnasium, a library and three open-plan areas for structured play. The school opened an excellently equipped 52 place Nursery Unit in April 1996.

St. Matthew's Primary School aims to develop the full potential of each child in the spiritual, academic, social, physical, moral and aesthetic spheres, promoted through and in the Catholic tradition. Such Catholic tradition encourages and supports the fostering of faith in children, with parents, staff and priests working together, through the experiences of prayer and sacramental preparation/celebration. The early years curriculum is delivered through the Revised Curriculum.

The school encourages an interest in music with opportunities for children to participate in choral and violin groups. The active participation of parents in the education of their children is highly valued and encouraged at St. Matthew's. The school promotes high standards of behaviour and children are required to wear the school uniform.

Each child's progress is carefully monitored and children are offered a range of extra-mural activities in sport and music. The school enjoys the tremendous support of a very active Parent-Teacher Association and is well placed to meet the educational needs of our children in the twenty-first century.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The following criteria will be applied in the ORDER SET DOWN by the Board of Governors of St. Matthew's Primary School in selecting children for admission to Primary One.

When there are more applicants than places available, the following criteria will be applied in order:

- 1 Children who have attended St. Matthew's Nursery.
- 2 Children of compulsory school age who normally reside in St. Matthew's Parish.
- 3 Children of compulsory school age who normally reside in the area of St Anthony's Parish, beginning at the Ravenhill Road end and including all residences in the Parish area to the left of My Lady's Road and Willowfield Street to the Castlereagh Road.
- 4 Children of compulsory school age from other areas.

In the event of over-subscription in either 2, 3 or 4 above, selection will be made on the basis of distance from home to school as determined by a straight line on the most recently available greater Belfast Street Map.

Note: The word “home” in the context of admissions criteria refers to the parents’ home only and not that of a childminder.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	36	36
2010	18	18
2011	32	32

ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
514 RAVENHILL ROAD
BELFAST
BT6 OBW

Catholic Maintained School

Telephone No: 028 9049 1529

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E-mail: bfinn630@C2Kni.net

Website: www.stmichaelspsbelfast.co.uk

Principal: Mrs B Finn

Chair of the Board of Governors: Ms P Kearney

Admission No: 58

Enrolment No: 409

St Michael's is a Catholic Maintained Co-educational Primary School situated on the Ravenhill Road. The school occupies a three-acre site including playgrounds, all weather pitch, tennis court, wooded area and wildlife pond.

Our school motto is, "**Courage, Courtesy and Concern**" and these values underpin every aspect of school life at St Michael's. In addition to teaching the Revised Curriculum to the highest standards all children at St Michael's are given the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of activities contributing to the provision of a broad and balanced education. These activities include the school orchestra, the school choirs, basketball, camogie, hurling, gaelic, guitar, football, short tennis, netball, gardening, speech and drama and cycling proficiency. Our aim is to give children a wide experience of activities, helping them discover their individual talents and interests as they progress through their primary years.

Children at Key Stage 2 take part in Curriculum Extension activities with certificates for their successful completion included in their individual profiles. All year 4-7 children learn the recorder and have the opportunity to learn a string instrument or percussion with tuition provided by the City of Belfast School of Music. A highlight of the school year is the Year 7 musical production.

Every parent needs to know that their child is safe and happy at school. This is why we have a carefully planned and effective Pastoral Care programme which includes:

- An anti-bullying policy and bystanders' code
- A pupil note system which allows pupils to seek help with any issue that concerns them and
- A special support programme for children who are experiencing grief or personal loss

At St Michael's we welcome and appreciate parents as active members of the school community. There are opportunities to become involved in a variety of ways which include: assisting with educational programmes such as the Better Reading Partnership, organising the Annual Book Fair, accompanying teachers and pupils on school trips and helping with after school clubs.

There is also a very active and vibrant Parent Teacher Association, which always welcomes new members and provides invaluable support to the school with regular functions throughout the school year where parents can meet and enjoy a night out. We have close links with Bethlehem Nursery School, which is situated in the grounds of St Michael's.

We take great pride in our strong home/school links, with senior staff always available to discuss and assist with any parental concern. There is also a dedicated home school liaison teacher. In order to help each child make the most of their time at St Michael's we encourage parents to become familiar with our full range of school policies.

At St Michael's we are continuously striving to improve the quality of our services. Our accomplishments in this regard are demonstrated in a variety of achievements that include: Quality Management Standard ISO9001 2008 and the Investors in People award.

The school runs a popular breakfast club from 8.15am each morning. We are a healthy eating school and school meals are prepared on the premises.

All children at St Michael's wear a school uniform and we have recently introduced a summer dress for the girls and a PE uniform for all pupils.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

In the event of the school being over-subscribed the Board of Governors, in consultation with the Principal, will apply the following criteria in the order set down:

- 1 Children who have/had a brother/sister attending this school.
- 2 Children whose parent is an employee of this school.
- 3 Children who are currently attending Bethlehem Nursery School and reside in the Holy Rosary Parish.
- 4 First child in the family who resides in Holy Rosary Parish and is not attending Bethlehem Nursery School.
- 5 Children who are currently attending Bethlehem Nursery school and reside in the area of St Anthony's Parish bounded by the following roadways: My Lady's Road, Willowfield Street, Castlereagh Road, Ladas Drive, Cregagh Road, Ardenlee Avenue and Ravenhill Road.
- 6 Children who are not currently attending Bethlehem Nursery school and reside in the area of St Anthony's Parish as defined in criteria 5.
- 7 Children who are currently attending Bethlehem Nursery School and do not fit into criteria 3 or 5 above.

Sub-note: In applying the criteria the Governors will award places to children on the basis of the shortest walking distance from the front door of their home to the nearest gate of the school.

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 Form. 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 Form.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	61	60
2010	61	60
2011	69	60

**ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT PRIMARY SCHOOL
GLEN ROAD
BELFAST
BT11 8AY**

Catholic Maintained School

Telephone No: 028 9080 6777

Fax No: 028 9080 6760

Principal: Mr C Headley

Admission No: 118

Enrolment No: 825

INFORMATION RELATING TO THE SCHOOL

St Oliver Plunkett Primary School opened in 1998 following the amalgamation of St Oliver Plunkett Boy's and St Oliver Plunkett Girl's Primary Schools. The present staffing is Principal, plus twenty-five teachers. Each classroom has 2 computers and the school has a well equipped resources room, two libraries and two assembly halls. The school also has a computer suite with twenty-one multi-media PC's linked to the internet. Every effort is made to provide a warm, welcoming, secure and stimulating learning environment for every member of our school community.

Our children follow a broad and balanced curriculum, and specialist help is available to those children who experience learning difficulties. Extra curricular activities include Gaelic Games (for boys and girls), Soccer, Netball, Basketball, Gymnastics, Drama and outdoor Education activities. Recognising the uniqueness of each child, our aim is to help each child to develop to his or her full potential spiritually, emotionally, intellectually and physically.

St Oliver Plunkett Primary School promotes Catholic values and beliefs. We encourage and receive very positive, active support from our parents.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors has drawn up the school's Admissions Criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school. The criteria will be applied as they are set down.

- 1 Children of compulsory school age who normally reside in the Parishes of St. Oliver Plunkett and St. Joseph's, Hannahstown.
- 2 Children who have sisters (half sisters), brothers (half brothers), presently enrolled in the school.
- 3 Children who are transferring from St. Oliver Plunkett Nursery School and St Oliver Plunkett Pre-school Playgroup.
- 4 Children whose parents/guardians are prior pupils of St. Oliver Plunkett Boys' or Girls' Primary Schools.
- 5 Children whose parents/guardians are presently permanent members of the teaching, auxiliary/ancillary staff of the school.
- 6 Other children whose parents choose the school.

Application Forms can be obtained from the above school.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	86	86
2010	76	76
2011	106	106

Principal: Mr C O'Doherty

Admission No: 59

Enrolment No: 416

St. Paul's Primary School opened in September 2000 following the amalgamation of St Mary's Girls' Primary School and St Paul's Boys' Primary School. The school occupies a large modern building. The playgrounds which extend on all sides allow the children of different year groups to play together in safety. The classrooms are bright and the school is well equipped with it's own library and ICT suite. The school meals kitchen and dining area joins onto the assembly hall which allows careful supervision of both dinner and lunch areas. It also creates a large space for P.E., Assemblies and Concerts.

The school aims to create a happy atmosphere where all feel valued and all are welcomed. We wish to promote the highest standards of work and behaviour. All requirements of the Northern Ireland curriculum are covered. Children with Special Needs are given appropriate help. The pupils from P5 - P7 have an opportunity to swim each year. We take part in Gaelic and Soccer competitions and have coaching in these and a wide variety of other sports. We have a well established and successful cross community link. Our pupils are encouraged to be active fund-raisers for both local and third world charities. Music plays a major part in the life of the school with pupils receiving regular music lessons, and opportunities are available to participate in choir and instrumental ensembles.

The active participation of parents in the education of their children is encouraged and highly valued.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

We celebrate diversity and cater successfully for a growing population of non national pupils.

The Criteria for admission will be applied by the Principal on behalf of the Board of Governors.

- 1 Children of compulsory school age i.e. born between 2nd July 2007 and 1st July 2008.
- 2 Children who normally reside in St. Paul's Parish.
- 3 Children of compulsory school age from other areas.

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.

- (a) Children who have brother(s)/sister(s)/half-brother(s)/half-sister(s) attending St. Paul's.

- (b) Children whose parent/guardian is presently a permanent member of the teaching/ancillary/auxiliary staff of St. Paul's.
- (c) Children whose parent/guardian/brother(s)/sister(s)/half-brother(s)/half-sister(s) are prior pupils of the school.

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 shortest walking distance.

CRITERIA FOR ENTRY TO PRIMARY 2 - PRIMARY 7 2012/2013

A pupil will be admitted into a year group provided that his inclusion will not:

- 1 Cause the school's enrolment numbers to be exceeded and
- 2 result in class size which would prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources.

[Special consideration will be given to children who have brothers/sisters simultaneously seeking admission to other classes].

Pupils will be admitted in order of application. If oversubscribed on these criteria the school's admissions criteria and sub-criteria will apply in the order set down.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	30	30
2010	42	42
2011	32	32

**ST. PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
ROSS ROAD
BELFAST
BT12 4JD**

**Catholic Maintained Co-
Educational School**

Telephone No: 028 9024 2271

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E-mail: info@stpeters.belfast.ni.sch.uk

Principal: Vincent Green

Admission No: 78

Enrolment No: 547

St. Peter's Primary School, which opened in 1989, is situated in a spacious well landscaped site. Our facilities include a well equipped gymnasium, a well stocked library, open plan Structured Play areas and extensive playgrounds. The school has a modern IT Suite with 19 multi media PC's linked to the internet, computers in each classroom and Interactive Whiteboards in Key Stage I and Key Stage II.

The school caters for the children of St. Peter's Parish and surrounding areas. The experienced and committed staff strive to provide the highest standards of teaching and learning within a caring and stimulating environment. Our aim is to encourage and support each child to reach his / her full potential through provision of the Revised Curriculum. Careful monitoring ensures that children with Special Educational Needs are identified and appropriate support is provided both internally and, if appropriate, externally.

Our Breakfast Club operates each morning from 8.00 am and a range of after school activities is provided through Extended Schools. They include choir, netball, boys' and girls' gaelic and boys' and girls' soccer. The boys' soccer team and girls' netball team have been very successful and have won many competitions. We also provide cookery, technology, photography, gardening and needlecraft as clubs.

The Principal and staff enjoy a high degree of support from parents who are encouraged to participate actively in their children's learning through parents' curricular meetings, interviews, informal parent/teacher discussions, reports and newsletters.

We place a high emphasis on the pastoral care of our pupils and promote their social, emotional and physical wellbeing. We follow a positive behaviour policy and expect high standards of behaviour and courtesy. A healthy break/lunch policy operates throughout the school.

Culturally the school holds an annual Feis, participates in BELB music mornings and stages musical productions and Christmas plays. Our school choir is highly valued and enhances various functions and sacramental occasions throughout the year.

If you would like to visit the school or receive any further information, please contact the school office.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The criteria for admission will be applied by the Principal on behalf of the Board of Governors.

Criterion 1: Children of compulsory school age who reside in the parish of St. Peter's.

Criterion 2: Children of compulsory school age from other areas.

In the event of over subscription in any of the criteria the following sub-criteria will be applied in the order laid down:

- (a) Children who have brothers/sisters/half-brothers/half-sisters already enrolled in the school.
- (b) Children whose parent/guardian is a permanent employee of the school.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	34	34
2010	43	43
2011	46	46

**ST. TERESA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
GLEN ROAD
BELFAST
BT11 8BL**

Catholic Maintained School

Telephone No: 028 9061 1943 / 028 9061 2973

Fax No: 028 9060 5644

Speech and Language Centre: 028 9043 1871

Principal: Mrs C Molloy

Admission No: 90

Enrolment No: 633

St Teresa's Primary School is a co-educational primary school which seeks to educate within a caring, Catholic ethos. The school caters for the children of St Teresa's Parish and works closely with St Teresa's Nursery School, St Teresa's Youth Club and with the many post primary schools to which our Year 7s transfer. The school has a strong pastoral care system which recognises that, for effective learning to take place the needs of individual children must be identified and met. Regular meetings are held to keep parents informed of their children's progress and achievements.

The school has a long tradition of academic achievement and children are encouraged to achieve to their fullest potential through a broad, balanced curriculum.

St Teresa's is situated on a spacious site with grass and paved playing areas. School facilities include well resourced bright classrooms (each with a range of Internet-linked computers) two PE halls, a designated Science Room, KS1 and KS2 school libraries, music and TV rooms and a computer suite.

The school operates an Extended Programme which starts each day with a Breakfast Club and includes a P1-P3 After School Club as well as a wide range of extra curricular activities. These include Gaelic games, trampoline, school choir, athletics, cycling proficiency, aerobics, basketball, drama, swimming and traditional music. The school has an elected Student Council which meets regularly throughout the year.

Another notable feature of St Teresa's is the quality of its music making. Classes are regularly prepared for BELB Music Mornings, and the Belfast Festival and Feis. Children also receive tuition from the City of Belfast School of Music and the school has its own orchestra. A Musical Evening is held each year to allow the pupils to display their talents in singing and playing.

The Speech, Language and Communication Centre opened as part of St Teresa's Primary School in September 2009. The children attending the Centre are fully integrated in the life and work of St Teresa's as the school strives to be a model of inclusion. The centre offers bright modern accommodation with extensive facilities to meet children's needs.

In March 2009 the school was inspected by the ETI as part of an area-based inspection of transitional arrangements. The report commended 'the very strong effective transition arrangements' in Primary One; 'the effective pastoral arrangements' and 'the high quality and wide range of learning opportunities and experiences provided by the staff'.

The full report can be accessed on www.deni.gov.uk .

Parents are invited to view the school at the Open Day, which is on Wednesday 14 December 2011 from 10.00am or to make an appointment to speak to the principal.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down by the Board of Governors of St. Teresa's Primary School in selecting children for admission to P1 in September 2012.

Priority will be given at all times to pupils regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of supporting evidence by parents and/or statutory agencies, as having special circumstances (medical, social, security factors).

CRITERION 1 Children of compulsory school age (i.e. children aged 4 years on or before 1 July 2012) who normally reside in the Parish of St. Teresa's.

CRITERION 2 Children of compulsory school age from other areas.

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.

- (a) Children who have sisters/brothers/half-sisters/half-brothers, presently enrolled in the school.
- (b) Children whose parent/guardian is presently a permanent member of teaching/ancillary/auxiliary staff of the school.
- (c) Children whose parent/guardian, sister/brother, (half-sister/half-brother), are past pupils of the school.

Pupils will be accepted in order of application.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	55	55
2010	59	59
2011	60	60

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX PRIMARY SCHOOL
472 ANTRIM ROAD
BELFAST
BT15 5GF

Catholic Maintained School

Telephone No: 028 9077 0215

Principal: Mrs P Reid B.Ed Hons M.Ed PQH(NI)

Admission No: 61

Enrolment No: 424

St Therese of Lisieux Primary School offers a broad and balanced curriculum, designed to cater for the individual needs of all children at their different stages of development. We are dedicated to the creation of a caring, believing community with Catholic values that can be carried to the world outside. School policy emphasizes the maintenance of high standards of behaviour and positive attitudes at all times.

Our bright and well maintained main school building opened in September 1988 and has a purpose built lift catering for those with mobility difficulties. In September 2008 a new extension to the building was completed and in September 2011 a 'Nurture' room and outdoor classroom were added thus ensuring excellent accommodation facilities and creating an environment which maximizes the learning opportunities for all the children.

Music is valued highly in the school. The school offers tuition in bodhran, guitar and tin whistle and tutors from the City of Belfast School of Music also offer tuition in violin, cello, flute, clarinet and percussion. Musical productions of the highest standard are performed at Christmas and June each year. We have an accomplished school orchestra with 60 members as well as a Senior Ensemble and Traditional group all of whom perform regularly throughout the year.

We also offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities including gaelic, soccer, basketball, dance, French and Spanish Clubs, a Cookery Club and a Gardening Club.

Our 'Breakfast' club is open from 8.00am each morning and there is an afternoon club from 2.00pm-3.00pm for P1-P3 children who have older siblings in P4-P7.

A comprehensive programme of educational visits complements the topics covered in each class. We also have excellent links with the local, wider and international communities to enhance and enrich the children's learning.

We work closely with our parents and value highly our excellent home/school links. Regular opportunities are provided to meet your child's class teacher and to become actively involved in the life of the school. A very active Parents Association, 'The Friends of St Therese' supports the school through fund-raising activities and the organization of social events.

For further information visit our website www.stthereseoflisieux.co.uk

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors of St Therese of Lisieux Primary School has drawn up the following criteria to be applied in the event of the number of pupils applying for admission in Year 1 being greater than the admission number set by Department of Education. The Board of Governors has delegated the application of the criteria to the principal to be applied in the order set out below.

Children of compulsory school age who:

- 1 Children from Holy Family Parish who have siblings at the school at time of application.
- 2 Pupils who reside at the home of the parent/guardian in the parish of Holy Family in the area bounded by - Cavehill Road, northwards from, and including Evelyn Gardens. The areas bordered by Glenburn Park and Sunningdale Park to Kilcoole Park, Upper Cavehill Road, North Circular Road, all even numbers, odd numbers from 61 upwards: Antrim Road, odd numbers to Parkmount Road. The area bordered by Parkmount Road (Parkmount Road is not included), Lansdowne Park, Lansdowne Road, Fortwilliam Park, York Road (northside) to, but not including Skegoneill Avenue. The Skegoneill area from, but excluding, Glanleam Drive northwards, bordered by and including Glandore Gardens and Evelyn Gardens.
- 3 Children whose parent(s)/guardian(s) are permanent members of the teaching or ancillary staff or current Board of Governor.
- 4 Children whose parent(s)/guardian(s) were past pupils.
- 5 Children from other areas in Holy Family Parish.
- 6 Children from other areas.

Within each criterion priority will be given to those pupils regarded by the Board of Governors as having special circumstances eg. medical, educational, social etc supported by evidence from parents and/or statutory agencies.

If at any stage any of the above criteria is oversubscribed, decisions will be made on the basis of proximity of parents'/guardians' home to school, as measured by the shortest walking route by public thoroughfare to the nearest school pedestrian entrance.

The criteria for late admission to Year 1 will be the same as the criteria for Year 1 entry providing that the total enrolment of the school does not exceed the total permitted by the Department of Education.

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 Form. 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 Form.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	64	61
2010	73	61
2011	74	61

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL
167A LIGONIEL ROAD
BELFAST
BT14 8DP

Catholic Maintained School

Telephone No: 028 9071 7920

Principal: Mrs Bronagh McVeigh
School Chaplain: Fr P Devlin

Admission No: 40

Enrolment No: 280

St Vincent de Paul Primary School is long established within the Parish of St Vincent de Paul having catered for the needs of the boys and girls within the community for nearly forty years.

A strong Catholic Ethos and faith is fostered throughout the school and is extended into the homes of our children and the wider community enabling strong links to be nurtured between the home, school and parish. This is evident in the daily life of the school through daily prayer, assemblies, preparation for and participation in the liturgy, preparation for the sacraments and the delivery of the Alive-O programme.

Within the grounds of the primary school a spacious modern nursery unit offering 26 full-time places opened in 2002 and is over-subscribed each year. In response to this a playgroup with fully qualified staff was opened in November 2006 and is growing from strength to strength. Twenty four full-time places (9.00am – 12noon) are available for children between the ages 2 years and 10 months and 4 years. Both the nursery unit and the playgroup facilities have proven to be highly successful to the school community.

At St Vincent de Paul Primary School we aim to deliver a broad and balanced programme of learning in line with the Northern Ireland curriculum. We are committed to providing a stimulating learning environment in which all children can be encouraged to reach their full potential. Careful monitoring ensures that children with Special Educational Needs are identified and appropriate support is sought to meet their needs.

As well as catering for the spiritual and academic development of our children St Vincent de Paul Primary School also strives to provide opportunities for them to grow in other areas of their lives. An extensive and well balanced Extended Schools Programme is well established throughout the school and offers the children the chance to attend clubs including art and craft, cookery, tin whistle, guitar, drama, basketball, football, soccer, computers and technology. Successful homework and breakfast clubs are also available.

The children regularly compete in a variety of music and drama festivals throughout the year and have won on many occasions for their outstanding performances. The Key Stage 2 children are offered the opportunity to take an exam with New Era Academy of Speech and Drama. All of our children are provided with the opportunity of performing in our hugely successful Christmas and Summer productions, which are well supported by our parents and local community.

Our dedicated staff understand and value the importance of creating a secure and happy environment for all within our school and strive to create this atmosphere in partnership with our parents, parish and wider community.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The following criteria will be applied in the ORDER SET DOWN 1 - 2 when selecting children for admission to P1 in September 2012.

Priority will be given at all times to pupils regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of supporting evidence by parents and/or statutory agencies, as having special circumstances (medical, social, security factors).

CRITERION 1 Children of compulsory school age who normally reside in the parish of St Vincent de Paul.

CRITERION 2 Children of compulsory school age from other areas.

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 oversubscribed 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 shortest walking distance:

- (a) children who have brothers/sisters (half-brothers, half-sisters) presently enrolled in the school;
- (b) children whose parent/guardian, brother/sister, (half-brother/half-sister) are prior pupils of the school;
- (c) children whose parent/guardian is presently a permanent member of the school teaching/ ancillary/auxiliary staff.

Having agreed the above criteria for admission to the school in September 2010 the Board of Governors of St Vincent de Paul Primary School has delegated to the principal the authority to select applicants in accordance with the criteria and any appropriate statutory regulations.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	35	35
2010	24	24
2011	29	29

STAR OF THE SEA GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
3 CHURCHILL STREET
BELFAST
BT15 2BD

Catholic Maintained School
Telephone No: 028 9035 1478
Fax No: 028 9074 7638

Principal: Miss M Bell

Admission No: 50

Enrolment No: 350

Star of the Sea Girls' Primary School was founded 120 years ago on Halliday's Road and was replaced by a new school on Churchill Street, which opened in September 1992. The main building, which is bright and well maintained, offers 12 classrooms, a library, an ICT suite and modern gym. Two mobile classrooms were installed on site in 2003, to accommodate a rise in numbers of children attending the school. There is also a lift in the main building to accommodate those with restricted mobility.

Star of the Sea is staffed by the Principal and 13 teachers. The school also has a member of staff who provides Linguistic Phonics support. Star of the Sea prides itself on its caring, friendly atmosphere and its excellent pastoral care, where the welfare of children is a priority. The school has strong parental support and parents are encouraged to be involved in the life of the school through fund raising, social events, school trips, parent/teacher meetings and parent courses. A Home Links teacher has been recently appointed to support this strong relationship between parents and the school.

Star of the Sea offers children the opportunity to be a part of many initiatives such as Rainbow Reading, Time to Read, Comet 8 and Primary Movement. Children are also encouraged to participate in a wide variety of after school activities such as, Gaelic football, choir, dance, Spanish, an ICT club, a library club, Irish, gardening, Ju-jitsu, creative writing, cookery and Art and Irish dancing. We have a Late Class that operates from 2pm – 3pm for children in P1-P3 who have an older sister in the school.

Star of the Sea is committed to ensuring that each child realizes her full potential and we expect high standards of behaviour and courtesy from all our pupils. We strive to promote Christian values in keeping with the Catholic ethos and provide a broad and balanced curriculum to meet the needs of each individual pupil. Further information about the school is contained in the school prospectus, available from the Principal.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down by the Board of Governors of Star of the Sea Girl's P.S. in selecting pupils for admission to Primary 1 in September 2012. A sub Committee of the Board of Governors will apply the criteria for admission to the school.

CRITERION 1 Children of compulsory school age (ie children aged four years on or before 1 July 2011) and who normally reside in the Parish of St. Patrick's.

CRITERION 2 Children of compulsory school age from other areas.

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 closeness of the home to the school as measured by the shortest distance from their front door to the main gate of the school in Dawson Street using an Ordnance Survey Map.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

Sub-criteria

- (a) Children who have sisters (half-sisters) presently enrolled in the school.
- (b) Children whose parent/guardian, sister, half-sister are prior pupils of the school.
- (c) Children whose parent/guardian is presently a permanent member of the school teaching/ ancillary/auxiliary staff.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	28	28
2010	39	39
2011	46	46

**STRANDTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL
NORTH ROAD
BELFAST
BT4 3DJ**

Controlled Y4-Y7 School

Telephone No: 028 9067 4500

Fax No: 028 9067 4525

E-mail: info@strandtown.belfast.ni.sch.uk

Principal: Mr P McClenaghan

Vice Principal: Mrs V Hutchinson

Admission No: 236

Enrolment No: 943

INFORMATION RELATING TO THE SCHOOL

Strandtown is the largest controlled Primary School in Belfast, and enjoys a very high reputation among pupils, parents and staff. The architecturally attractive main building is sited within an 7.5 hectare site. The extensive playing fields are fully utilised by all pupils. The school has an excellent academic record, and acknowledged musical and sporting traditions. A wide range of extra-curricular activities is available. An active Parent Teacher Association contributes much to the life of the school. Parents are encouraged to share, in partnership with the staff, a commitment to the school ethos. More detailed information is shown on the school website, www.strandtownps.org.uk. An Information Evening for parents will be held on Wednesday 11 January 2012, followed by an Intake Evening on Wednesday 30 May 2012. Both meetings will be at 7.30pm. There will be opportunities to ask questions.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: YEAR FOUR

- 1 Pupils enrolled in Year 3 in any one of the three contributory Infant schools (Belmont, Dundela or Greenwood Primary Schools).
- 2 Pupils seeking admission who have been enrolled in any one of the three contributory Infant schools, and wish to transfer from special education.
- 3 Children of the permanent staff of Strandtown Primary School, or any one of the three contributory Infant schools.
- 4 When those, who have been offered places under the above criteria, have been admitted, no further pupils will be enrolled to increase any class size beyond 30 pupils.

If places remain within the school's admission number, priority will be applied to other applications in the following order:

- 1 Pupils moving into the area, or who wish to transfer from another school, will be considered for entry, provided the class size does not exceed 30 pupils.
- 2 Priority will be determined by proximity from the front door of residence, to the front door of Strandtown School as determined by a straight line on the 1990 O.S. Greater Belfast Street map.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: YEAR FIVE - YEAR SEVEN

Pupils moving into the area, or who wish to transfer from another school, will be considered for entry, provided the class size does not exceed 30 pupils. Such pupils will be considered on an order of priority, at each year level. Priority will be determined by proximity from the front door of residence, to the front door of Strandtown School as determined by a straight line on the 1990 O.S. Greater Belfast Street map.

YEAR FOUR - YEAR SEVEN

Pupils will normally be placed in the year levels relevant to their chronological age, unless by agreement with the Board of Governors.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	236	236
2010	216	216
2011	243	243

**STRANMILLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL
KNIGHTSBRIDGE PARK
BELFAST
BT9 5EH**

Controlled School

Telephone No: 028 9038 1164

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www.stranmillisprimary.org

Principal: Mr Jackie Wallace

Admission No: 54

Enrolment No: 408

Stranmillis has a long tradition of high academic performance achieved within a caring and supportive environment. Presently 408 children attend the school. While your children are in our care their welfare and progress are our prime concerns. We value highly the support and co-operation we receive from our parents and, working together, we are able to offer our children a wide and varied educational experience both during and after school. We are fortunate that our children come from diverse religious, cultural, social and ethnic backgrounds. The maintenance of positive relationships is therefore a key feature throughout our school community. In 2007 the school was granted International School status. In 2010 Stranmillis achieved the Full International School Award. In 2005 the school received an Impetus Award for work in the area of children's rights. If you would like to visit the school or receive any further information, please contact the school office.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Only children of compulsory school age will be considered for admission.

If special consideration for admission is sought in respect of any child, the Board of Governors, after considering all written information available to it in respect of the application, and if considered necessary, after interview of the child's parent or guardian, may, in its absolute discretion, agree to admit the child if the Board of Governors considers that a refusal to admit the child would cause particular hardship to the health or welfare of the child.

Criteria will be applied successively in the following order where the school is over-subscribed. In the event that more than one child satisfies the criterion for the last available place for admission, the elder or eldest child only who satisfies such criterion will be selected for admission. In the event of two or more children having the same birthday then the final place/s will be allocated by ballot.

- 1 Children of permanent teachers, classroom assistants and nursery assistants of Stranmillis Primary School.
- 2 Children who have a sibling enrolled in Stranmillis Primary School on the BELB application deadline date.
- 3 Children who have had a sibling enrolled in Stranmillis Primary School.
- 4 Children who have attended Stranmillis Primary School Nursery Unit in the school year 2011/2012.

5 Children in the order of the closest proximity of the school to the child's permanent residence on the date of application. Proximity to the school will be determined by direct straight line measurement between the child's residence and the school; measurements are calculated by a web-based method provided by the Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland.

"Applicants should note that where an address contained within an application qualifies a child for admission then that address will be verified. To enable the Board of Governors to verify addresses, all applicants should provide any two of the following four documents with their application:

- *A bank or building society statement which shows the address at which the child is resident;*
- *A utility bill (for instance electricity, gas, television licence, telephone) which shows the address at which the child is resident;*
- *A letter awarding child benefit to the child or another letter relating to this benefit;*
- *The child's medical card.*

This is in addition to the standard requirement to provide a Birth Certificate in order to verify the age of the child.

Original documents are required and not facsimiles or photocopies. Original documents can be returned on request at the end of the admissions process by the school to which the child has been admitted. Applicants preferring not to put verifying documents in the post or seeking alternative verifying arrangements should contact those schools listed on their application form that require verifying documents to agree alternative verification arrangements.

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 Form. 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 Form.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	72	58
2010	65	59
2011	74	60

Principal: Mrs Janet Douds BEd DASE

Admission No: 23

Enrolment No: 160

Taughmonagh Primary School is currently embarking on a total rebuild programme. This new 'state of the art' school will be completed by Christmas 2011.

At Taughmonagh Primary we aim to work in partnership with parents and the community to provide a happy, friendly, caring school where children feel secure and valued. We hope that by offering an enriching environment which enables children to fulfil their true potential, we will provide a solid foundation for future life.

The accommodation of the school currently comprises of eleven classrooms and a double unit nursery as well as an assembly/P.E hall and a computer suite. A three class unit delivering specialist teaching to children with specific speech and language needs is also an integral part of the school.

Staffing 20010/2011: Principal + 7 teachers (P1 - P7) + 2 teachers (Nursery) + 3 teachers (Speech & Language Unit) + 1 full-time Reading Support teacher.

Enrolment 2010/2011: 174 (P1 - P7) + 52 Nursery.

Curriculum

Over the past number of years the school has embodied and adopted many of the new approaches and techniques used to educate children. As a result the school is very well prepared to meet the demands and requirements of the new curriculum. We believe this curriculum allows children to learn naturally and teaches them things which are appropriate to their age and development. Our experience shows that the children, with this approach, are more confident, have increased self-esteem, can think for themselves, show initiative, can concentrate well and are more creative. In short the children are enthusiastic and keen to learn.

At all times pupils are expected to work to their full potential.

Extra curricular activities are viewed as having an important role to play in the all round development of the child. An extensive range is provided including hockey, football, cookery, Spanish, ICT, drama and choir.

Parents are expected to be partners in the education process and are regularly invited to consultations and teach-ins. A team of parent helpers works alongside the teaching staff to provide additional resources for the children.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Taughmonagh Primary School will admit up to a maximum of 23 children to primary one. In the event of there being more than 23 applicants for a primary one place, the following Admissions Criteria will be applied in order of priority as shown below.

Only children of compulsory school age will be admitted to the school.

- 1 Children who have attended Taughmonagh nursery during 2011/12.
- 2 Children who have brothers/sisters currently attending the primary school.
- 3 Children with special social/educational needs (as identified by the BELB's Psychology School Service) for whom Taughmonagh is the nearest primary school.
- 4 Children whose parent/guardian is employed in Taughmonagh Primary School.
- 5 Children for whom Taughmonagh is the nearest controlled primary school (from their normal place of residence).

(a) Children residing within a reasonable walking distance of the school (as indicated by the Upper Lisburn Road, Balmoral Ave., Malone/Upper Malone Road, and Finaghy Road South but including the Dub Lane and Fairway Ave. area).

- 6 Priority will be given to those children living closest to the school. In applying this criterion, the Governors will award places on the basis of distance from the front door of the child's home to the front door of the school.

Distance will be determined by a straight-line measurement using an Ordnance Survey map.

Preference will be given according to alphabetical order (as used in the telephone directory).

Children applying for admission other than to primary one at the beginning of the school year will be admitted provided the school enrolment number is not exceeded.

Parents wishing to visit the school are requested to telephone the Principal for an appointment. Application forms are available from the School Secretary at the above address. These should be addressed to the Principal who will administer the admissions procedure on behalf of the Board of Governors.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	17	17
2010	19	19
2011	23	23

**VICTORIA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
STRANDBURN STREET
BELFAST
BT4 1LX**

Controlled School

**Telephone No: 028 9047 1274
Fax No: 028 9047 2565
Email: info@victoriapark.ni.sch.uk
www.victoriaparkprimary.co.uk**

Principal: Mrs A Gourley, BMus(Hons) PGCE DASE PQH(N.I)

Admission No: 58

Enrolment No: 406

Victoria Park Primary School opened in September 2008 after the amalgamation of Sydenham Infants' and Strand Primary School. It serves the Sydenham area of East Belfast and caters for 4 -11 year old children. The enrolment at present is 330 and staff consists of Principal, 2 Vice-Principals and 13 other teachers. There is also 1 part-time special needs teacher, as well as visiting special needs experts.

Victoria Park Primary School is housed in the original Strand Primary School building while a new purpose built school is erected on the Sydenham site. This is due to open around September 2014.

The school takes pride in maintaining good academic standards and high level of discipline while ensuring social, physical and aesthetic aspects are developed. The wearing of school uniform and homework is part of school policy. Highly experienced staff work diligently to provide a happy and stimulating environment to ensure the children's progression and development in all areas of the Northern Ireland Revised Curriculum.

The school has a spacious library and is also equipped with both classroom computers and a large computer suite. Every classroom is also equipped with the latest interactive whiteboards.

All pupils are offered a wide range of sports activities during and after school. Swimming is provided for years 4-7 classes. There is a homework club, a large school choir, an orchestra and a variety of creative and expressive after school clubs offered to all pupils from years 1-7. The School of Music provides peripatetic support for string, brass, percussion and woodwind tuition.

Victoria Park has high expectations of all pupils and teaching and learning is child centered. The school is proud of the support provided for the less able and more able children so that all of our pupils have an opportunity to fulfil their potential. The child is at the heart of all school policies.

A dedicated staff endeavour to project and reinforce a caring ethos through constructive relationships with parents and the wider community. The school has strong links with a number of local businesses and industry.

Close communication with parents is maintained through consultation sessions with the class teachers twice a year and an annual pupil profile report. Arrangements can be made to meet with the teachers, Vice-Principals and the Principal if the need arises. Victoria Park is proud to be a school where all children are known to one another and to the staff and principal.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors of Victoria Park Primary School, in accordance with the Regulations made under Article 38 of Education Reform (NI) Order 1989, has drawn up the Admissions Criteria and delegates to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and to the admission of pupils to the school.

Only children of compulsory school age will be admitted to the school.

In the event of the school being over-subscribed, the governors will select children for admissions to Primary 1 using the admissions criteria set out below. The criteria will be applied in order in which they are set down.

1. Children who will have a brother or sister, half brother and/or half sister in the school in 2012-2013.
2. Children who have attended Sandbrook Nursery during 2011-2012.
3. Children who had a brother or sister, half brother and/or half sister in the school in 2012-2013.
4. Children who have a parent employed by the school.
5. Any other children based on the nearest walking distance from home to the school.

Priority will be given to those children living closest to the school. In applying this criterion, the Governors will award places on the basis of distance from the front door of the child's home to the front door of the school.

Distance will be determined by a straight-line measurement using an Ordnance Survey map.

In the event of two or more children's permanent residence being measured equal distance for the final place, children will be selected by age with the oldest being selected first.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising with the schools' admissions number.

Applications for Admissions for P1 (Sydenham School)

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	54	54
2010	52	52
2011	62	60

Principal: Mr J Waugh M.B.E

Admission No: 50

Enrolment No: 348

Wheatfield Primary School occupies a large site at the corner of Ardoyne Road and Alliance Road which includes school buildings, separate dining hall, football field, three playgrounds and gardens.

There is a single Nursery Class of 26 children with their own enclosed play area with one nursery teacher and one full time nursery assistant employed there.

We seek to deliver the N.I. Curriculum to the best of our ability within the resources available to us. A high priority is placed on the acquisition of basic skills and additional help is available for children who experience learning difficulties.

Parents are welcomed at Wheatfield and encouraged to take an interest in their children's work. There will be formal interviews for all parents twice a year and parents are also requested to come and see us at any time should they have any concern regarding their children.

Each pupil is expected to work to the best of his/her ability and to become a responsible and contributing member of the school community.

Extra curricular activities include swimming, soccer, cricket, tennis, aerobics, Spanish, choir and art.

The school is involved in Community Relations programmes with various schools.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

In the event of our school being oversubscribed.

The Board of Governors has agreed these criteria and have delegated to the Principal the responsibility of applying them to children of compulsory school age.

- 1 Children from our own nursery class.
- 2 Children whose parents are permanent employees of the school in year 2012/2013.
- 3 Children who have brothers or sisters enrolled in the school.
- 4 Children who had brothers/sisters/parents as former members of the school.
- 5 Children who live closest to the school. (This will be defined as the shortest walking distance from the child's home to the main entrance to the school).

They will be applied in the order listed.

After 1 September 2012 and during the 2012/2013 school year the above criteria will be applied to fill a vacancy arising within the school's admissions number.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	29	29
2010	20	20
2011	20	20

Preparatory Schools

The criteria for preparatory schools included in this booklet are merely for information and assistance.

Preparatory schools operate entirely in their own right and are outside the statutory open enrolment arrangements.

Any queries with regard to administrative arrangements, criteria, appeals etc. should be addressed directly to the school principal and not to the board.

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BEN MADIGAN PREPARATORY SCHOOL
690 ANTRIM ROAD
BELFAST
BT15 5GP

Preparatory Department of Voluntary
Grammar School

Telephone No: 028 9077 1139

Head of Preparatory Department: Mrs V M McCaig B.ED., D.A.S.E.

Admission No: 25

Enrolment No: 200

THE SCHOOL

Ben Madigan is the Preparatory Department of Belfast Royal Academy. The Academy is the oldest school in Belfast, having been founded in 1785. There has been a Preparatory Department since 1829.

The aim of the school is to provide a happy, stimulating and structured environment in which all children have the opportunity to develop academically, socially, emotionally, morally, spiritually, physically and culturally to their full potential.

The school is situated on the slopes of Cavehill, just below Belfast Castle. It can be accessed from the Antrim Road and Downview Park West. Its extensive grounds include playing fields which are used by pupils of both Ben Madigan and the grammar school.

Ben Madigan has an excellent academic record, substantially out-performing the national average in Transfer Procedure and end of key stage tests. There is also a strong sporting tradition. A wide range of extra-curricular activities is available. Average class size is 22. A Pre-Prep. (nursery) class and before and after school childcare are available at a reasonable cost. School uniform is compulsory.

Parents are welcome to become involved in the life of the school and are kept advised of their child's progress by interview and written report.

FEES

These are currently £3,168 p.a. for Preps 1-3 and £3,354 p.a. for Preps 4-7 with a reduction for larger families and are reviewed annually. They may be paid termly by cheque, cash or monthly by direct debit. Fees cover tuition, textbooks and stationery. Milk, school meals and instrumental tuition are optional and are not included.

ADMISSION TO BEN MADIGAN

Preliminary application forms, prospectuses and further details may be obtained from the school office at Ben Madigan. The Head of the Preparatory Department, Mrs McCaig, is available by appointment if further information is required, or a visit to the school's website www.benmadigan.com may be helpful. Parents are also encouraged to speak with the Headmaster, Mr Dickson, at the Grammar School (028 90740423).

Preliminary application forms may be submitted at any time from birth but should ideally be received by the beginning of October prior to the admission date, as interviews take place in November to enable places to be offered by January. Should later applications be received they will be placed on a waiting list and places offered, if they become available, using the criteria below.

Following interview, places are allocated according to the following criteria, providing that the child will have attained his/her 4th birthday by 1st July in the year of admission:

- 1 He/she has attended Ben Madigan Pre-Prep.
- 2 He/she has a sibling attending Ben Madigan in Preps. 1-7.
- 3 He/she has previously had a sibling at Ben Madigan.
- 4 He/she has parent(s) who attended BRA/the Preparatory Department.
- 5 He/she has shown readiness for school in an interview with the Head of KS1, according to date of birth.

Admissions to other classes may be possible and an appointment to discuss this may be made with the Head of the Preparatory Department.

Campbell College Junior School
Belmont Road
BELFAST
BT4 2ND

Preparatory School of
Campbell College
Telephone No: 028 9076 3076
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E-mail: info@campbellcollegejs.belfast.ni.sch.uk

Website: www.campbellcollege.co.uk

Head: Mrs H M Rowan B.A., PGCE

[Link to Junior School](#)

Admission No: 24 boys

Enrolment No: 241

Preparatory Dept. only

Campbell Junior School is situated in a new building within the grounds of Campbell College.

The school admits boys from 4-11 years (Preps 1-7). There is a pre-school Kindergarten of boys and girls aged 3-4 years. An After-School Club for Kindergarten-Prep 7 is open to 6.00pm.

In addition to 'state of the art' learning facilities, Junior School offers a welcoming, friendly atmosphere with an emphasis on total curriculum.

We offer:

- A 'state of the art' learning environment
- Excellent staff pupil ratio
- Access to all Campbell College facilities, including Swimming Pool, on site
- Competitive House system
- Modern Languages for Preps 5-7
- Excellent coaching in Sport and Games
- Specialist teaching of Art and Music
- Extra curricular activities each day for Preps 4-7. These include Cricket, Swimming, Computers, Scripture Union, Archery, Mini Rugby, Tennis, Cross-Country, Football, Art, Hockey, Recorder, Basketball, Drama, Athletics, Photography and Cookery.

Current fees are available on request.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Board of Governors is responsible for the School's admissions criteria and has delegated to the Head its function in relation to the application of these criteria and the admission of pupils to the school.

- i preference will be given first to applications made on behalf of boys **currently enrolled in the Kindergarten of the Junior School.**
- ii preference will be given next to boys who have **an elder brother or brothers attending the Junior School.**

- iii preference will be given next to those boys who have **an elder brother or brothers attending either the Middle or Senior School of Campbell College.**
- iv If, when those who meet this criterion have been admitted, places still remain to be filled, preference will then be given to boys who have elder brothers or who are **former pupils** of Campbell College.

Thereafter applications will be assessed in chronological order and preference will be given to those boys with a Campbellian connection within the year-group in which they applied ie a child with a Campbellian connection who applies in say 2012 will not be preferred to a child whose parents applied in January 2011 but who has no Campbellian connection. Year-groups will run from 1 January to 31 December each year.

Preference to those boys with a Campbellian connection will be given in the following order:

- i the **sons of employees of Campbell College.**
- ii the **sons of former pupils in Campbell College.**
- iii the **grandsons of former pupils of Campbell College.**

If, when any of the criteria set out above have been applied, there are more applications which meet the criterion concerned than there are places available, decisions about which boys are to be admitted will be made according to the date on which their completed application forms were recorded as having been received by the Junior School, those with earlier dates being given preference over those with later dates until all available places have been filled.

Where applications are made for places in other years of the Junior School than Prep 1 and there are vacancies which the Junior School wishes to fill, the parents or guardians of boys who wish to be considered for admission will be asked to provide copies of recent reports from the schools from which their sons wish to transfer; and bring their sons, if asked, to attend the Junior School for informal interviews and/or written tests. The Head of the Junior School may choose to make contact with previous schools for clarification of written reports.

**INCHMARLO PREPARATORY SCHOOL
CRANMORE PARK
BELFAST
BT9 6JR**

**Preparatory School for
The Royal Belfast Academical Institution
(Voluntary Grammar)**

**Telephone No: 028 9038 1454
Fax No: 028 9066 0405
www.inchmarlo.org.uk**

Headmaster: W A O Armstrong BA PGCE DASE

Admission No: 40

Enrolment No: 240

Inchmarlo, the Preparatory School of RBAI is a non-denominational all boys school, founded in 1917, with an excellent reputation for high academic performance, pastoral care and extra-curricular activities. Pupils are drawn from the locality and also much further afield. A broad and caring education is provided in a family-orientated environment, where the average class size is 17. There are 14 classrooms, a library, computer suite, gymnasium and two playing fields on site (6 acres). Specialist teaching in Spanish, French, German, special needs, music, P.E and swimming is provided from P3 upwards. P4 - P7 have timetabled games one afternoon per week throughout the year.

Pupils are introduced to a wide range of artistic, creative and sporting activities. Extra-curricular activities include maths, science, reading, archery, cookery, oil-painting, photography, music, art, Club Francais, mini rugby, hockey, soccer, cricket, cross-country, short tennis, table tennis, badminton and judo. There are many opportunities for music and drama in annual school performances. Educational trips are frequent in all year groups, with the P7 ski trip to Italy being the most anticipated. Parents play an important role in the life of the school and they have at least two interviews per year with the class teacher and receive two written reports.

A pre-school playgroup prepares children for school in a stimulating, friendly environment - the hallmark of the preparatory school. Boys may arrive in school from 8.00 am, at which time they are fully supervised. After school care is also available until 6.00 pm. Boys are cared for in a relaxed, yet educational environment. Boys do a rough draft of homework and participate in such activities as football, art and craft, computer games and treasure hunts.

Parents with children at the neighbouring Victoria College Preparatory Department and Inchmarlo are entitled to a reduction in fees and can enjoy the benefits of similar holiday arrangements.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

All applicants are invited for interview and places are allocated as a result of interview and availability of places.

In the event of the school being oversubscribed the following criteria will apply:

- 1 Brother in the school.
- 2 Membership of the Playgroup.

3 Other connection with the school.

4 Sister at Victoria College.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	27	27
2010	25	25
2011	29	29

METHODIST COLLEGE PREPARATORY DEPARTMENTS

Head of Department: Mr A Jennings, BSc, PGCE, Med & PQH

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Fullerton House Preparatory School
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Downey House and Fullerton House are the two schools of the Preparatory Department of Methodist College. Downey is situated in Pirrie Park the main playing fields of the College and is located between the Ravenhill and Cregagh Roads. Fullerton is located at the Lisburn Road end of the main College campus. The schools are both co-educational and all classes are mixed ability. A maximum of twenty-four pupils can be enrolled in each class although in exceptional circumstances the school might enrol twenty-five children. There are Pre-School units in both Downey and Fullerton House which cater for children from two years nine months to four years old.

SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The curriculum covers the full range of the Revised Curriculum and is planned to prepare children for entry into their post-primary school. We are delighted that so many of our children enter Methodist College where we follow their progress with great interest. In line with the Every School a Good School Policy, emphasis is on a firm foundation in literacy and a sound knowledge of the basic skills in numeracy, Science and Technology. Literacy and numeracy are the key elements of the common entrance assessments held in the autumn term of primary seven. History, Geography, Religious Education, and Art are also taught by the class teacher. Specialist teachers teach Music, Physical Education and Drama to all classes. French is taught from primary three to primary seven. Computers are used in all classes to enhance teaching and learning. Downey and Fullerton each have their own computer suite. Formal reports are issued to parents at the end of the school year with an informal progress report in January. Parent teacher interviews are held in the autumn term for senior classes and in January for most junior classes. Informal interviews are available to parents at any time during the year, by appointment.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

An extensive range of extra-curricular activities is on offer in both schools. These are based around music, art, computers and drama as well as a full range of sporting activities, most played against other schools' teams, for both boys and girls. Each school produces a musical extravaganza every year. Children from Years 5 to 7 make up the cast of the latest musical. Last year parents and friends enjoyed a tremendous production of 'Alice in Wonderland'.

AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE

An After School Child Care Club operates Monday to Friday from 3.00 pm, the end of normal school, until 5.30 pm, in both schools for an additional daily charge. At the After School Club children may complete homework, make use of indoor and outdoor play facilities, complete art and craft activities as well as watch the occasional DVD.

ENTRY CRITERIA FOR DOWNEY AND FULLERTON HOUSE PREPARATORY SCHOOLS

The following criteria will be applied in the event of applications being oversubscribed for entry into primary one. Interviews and consultations are carried out in October/November in the year prior to the child entering primary one. Places are offered before Christmas.

1. A child who is the son or daughter of a Methodist Minister.
2. A child who has a brother or sister already attending the school or College.
3. A child of a member of staff of the school or College.
4. A child whose parent attended the school or College.
5. A child who attended Downey or Fullerton Pre-School.
6. A child whose grandparents attended the school or College.
7. A child with any other family connection with the school or College.
8. A random computer shuffle based on birth date.

Selection for any other school year, other than P1, is by direct application to the school. Entry is possible at any time during the school year but is dependent on the enrolment in the required year group. Applications for year groups other than P1 with availability are managed on a 'first come first served basis' measured by the receipt of an application form by the school.

For application forms or further information please contact the schools as follows:

Downey House Preparatory - 028 9028 6660

Fullerton House Preparatory - 028 9020 5217

More detailed information is available on the college web site: www.methody.org

If you would like to visit either school prior to submitting an application please contact the school to arrange an appointment. We look forward to meeting you.

STRATHEARN SCHOOL PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT
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Head of Department: Mrs B Mawhinney BEd

Admission No: 24

Enrolment No: 200

Penrhyn is a very successful and vibrant school. Through the education provided the girls become confident and articulate in expressing themselves. They show respect for their teachers, visitors and for one another. An atmosphere of purposeful activity pervades the classroom; the girls are enthusiastic and responsive learners. The School is particularly proud of the very high academic achievements of the girls in the Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 and Transfer tests and the majority of pupils transfer to the secondary department.

The current enrolment of Penrhyn is 159 and there are 9 staff members, of whom 2 work part-time. There are seven form classes, P1-P7 and specialist teachers in music, PE, art and drama. A teacher is employed three days a week on a part time basis to provide learning support.

Penrhyn comprises of two houses, set in extensive, attractively laid-out gardens which provide secure play and activity areas for the pupils. There is also an extensive range of accommodation. An Interactive Whiteboard and Computers are available in each classroom and there is also a dedicated computer network room for ICT classes. Sited within easy walking distance of Strathearn, the girls enjoy the facilities of the Grammar School.

The girls have the opportunity to participate in hockey, athletics, swimming and gymnastics, and the school has a strong tradition of sporting success. Extra-curricular activities include ballet, speech and drama, Irish dancing, individual piano tuition, tin whistle, French, art and craft, choir, Scripture Union, cookery and cycling proficiency. Field trips and educational outings to places of interest take place frequently throughout the school year, and the P7 class is taken for a week long residential visit; the most recent of these being Holland and Carlingford Adventure Centre.

Every pupil in the school looks forward to being in a school musical production; P1-P4 girls take part in a Christmas entertainment, and P5-P7 girls in a spring stage production.

Parents are encouraged to take an active role in their daughter's education and there is a strong tradition of close partnership between parents and staff. P1 children are invited to individual meetings with the P1 teacher in the P1 classroom during the summer term prior to their starting school in September, and their parents are also invited to an information evening. Parents of each year group are invited to a specific information evening at the beginning of each academic year.

Written progress reports are issued twice a year for every pupil, and individual parent/teacher consultations take place twice a year.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

In the event of the school being over-subscribed, the Board of Governors of Strathearn, in consultation with the Head of Preparatory Department, will apply the following criteria.

- 1 A girl who has a sister attending Strathearn.
- 2 A girl whose mother attended Strathearn.
- 3 By date order of application.

Penrhyn is open for viewing on Saturday 15 October 2011 from 9.30 am to 11.00 am and on Saturday 25 February 2012 from 9.30 am to 12 noon. Parents and prospective pupils are also very welcome to view the school at other times and this can be arranged by contacting the Head of Department.

**VICTORIA COLLEGE PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT
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**Preparatory School for
Victoria College**

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Principal: Ms P Slevin

Head of Preparatory Department: Mrs R Mitchell-Barrett

Admission No: 22

Enrolment No: 139

The Preparatory Department of Victoria College provides high levels of education and pastoral care in a stimulating environment and is situated in the attractive and spacious grounds at Cranmore Park in South Belfast. The majority of pupils come from the greater Belfast area although some travel from much greater distances. The school has a Playgroup and a Pre-school and there is also a boarding department. The school welcomes girls from many different backgrounds and cultures. Emphasis is placed on a strong sense of tradition and family. The school aims to provide a secure and happy environment in which all pupils are valued and can learn effectively. It promotes the highest standards of work, achievement and behaviour within an atmosphere of high self-esteem and mutual respect. The current enrolment is 162 including Playgroup and Pre-school.

The school is comprised of six permanent classrooms and one mobile classroom. There is a large assembly hall which also serves as a gymnasium and a modern well stocked library. On site facilities include a swimming pool, hockey pitch, tennis courts and a play area. The school has a strong connection with Inchmarlo, the preparatory department of the Royal Belfast Academical Institution.

The current teaching staff is Head of Department plus seven full-time and three part-time assistant teachers. The part-time staff are specialists in the areas of physical education, drama and music. Two classroom assistants are employed to assist primarily in Prep One and Two. The experienced and highly committed staff work enthusiastically to ensure the full participation of pupils in the learning opportunities provided. The teachers have high expectations of their pupils and the children take justifiable pride in all of their achievements. The Preparatory Department promotes a positive ethos and the staff work hard to ensure that all pupils fulfil their full potential.

Information and Communication Technology is an integral part of the curriculum and the school has a wide range of computer workstations and laptop computers with internet access in every classroom. French is taught to girls from Prep 4 to Prep 7 and Spanish is begun in P1. The school has a long tradition of musical excellence with the choir performing in a wide range of events. Tuition is available in many instruments. A musical recital is performed by our young musicians each year. The girls also participate in a variety of choral speaking and drama festivals. Every child from Prep Three to Prep Seven receives swimming instruction in our own pool and galas are held annually. After school activities include hockey, tennis, gymnastics, scripture union, choir, language club, dancing and cycling proficiency. Hockey, gymnastics and a range of other sports are all taken by specialist coaches.

Educational visits are a prominent feature of school life with all classes being involved in day visits to places of interest. Pupils in Prep Seven have the opportunity to participate in a residential within the United Kingdom.

Local and national charities receive generous support from pupils and parents and the school raises several thousand pounds for deserving causes each year.

Parents are kept informed of their child's progress through individual consultation and written assessment twice yearly. Parents are welcome to discuss matters of importance informally with staff on a daily basis.

The Preparatory Department has been through a very successful Focused Inspection in May 2010.

ADMISSION to P1 (YEAR 1)

Prospective pupils will be invited to meet with the Head of the Preparatory Department or a deputy and the appropriate teacher, who will advise the Headmistress whether an offer of a place may be made.

- 1 Pupils entering P1 should be of compulsory school age (that is, they should have reached the age of four years before 2 July in which they will enter P1).
- 2 In the event of P1 being over-subscribed, the following criteria will be apply in the following order:
 - (a) *Strong connection with the College. The following criteria will be applied in the following order:*
 - (i) Sister in the Preparatory Department or secondary school of Victoria College.
 - (ii) Membership of the Pre-school class for a minimum of one school year.
 - (iii) Membership of the Play Group class for a minimum of one school year.
 - (iv) Applicant is a child of a permanent member of staff of the College .
 - (v) Mother of the applicant attended Victoria College or Richmond Lodge School (name and date of attendance to be supplied).
 - (vi) Applicant is the first born girl in the family.
 - (vii) Sister of the applicant attended Victoria College (name and date of attendance to be supplied).
 - (viii) Grandmother of the applicant attended Victoria College or Richmond Lodge School (name and date of attendance to be supplied).
 - (ix) Aunt of the applicant attended Victoria College or Richmond Lodge School (name and date of attendance to be supplied).
 - (b) Brother is/was at RBAI Preparatory School (Inchmarlo) or the Senior School.
 - (c) Membership of the Play Group or Pre-school class for less than a full school year.
 - (d) Date of receipt of initial formal written application to either the Pre-School, Play Group or the Preparatory Department.
- 3 As an exception to criterion 2(d) special consideration may be given to a late application which is the result of an unforeseen change in family circumstances.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009	19	19
2010	24	24
2011	22	15