



**St Patrick's College**  
**Achieving Excellence Together**  
**ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO YEAR 8**



**When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed on or attached to the application form. Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admission criteria is stated on the application form or attached to it.**

**Respective functions of the Board of Governors and Principal in relation to Admissions to the school.**

**The Board of Governors delegates to the Principal the task of applying the Admissions Criteria.**

Pupils resident in Northern Ireland at time of proposed admission will be given preference over those not so resident.

In the event of the number of children applying exceeding the places available the following criteria will be applied in the order set down. If the Admissions Number is exceeded by application of a particular criterion, then the remaining criteria will be used, in turn, to reduce the number of children being considered for places until the Admission Number is reached:

1. Preference will be given to all children who give St Patrick's College as their first preference school on the Application Form.
2. A child from the following primary schools: St. Mary's PS, Glenview, St Patrick's PS, Glen, St Brigid's PS, Tirkane, St John's PS, Swatragh, St. Brigid's PS, Mayogall.
3. A child of the family currently enrolled in the College or who are being selected for enrolment in September 2021.
4. A child of the family previously enrolled in the College.
5. Eldest child defined as child who at the date of application, is the eldest child of the family to be eligible to apply for admission to the school.
6. A child of a parent who is a past pupil of the College.
7. A child of a parent who is currently a permanent member of staff of the College.
8. If there are still more children than spaces available a tiebreaker will be applied on the basis of the initial letter of the surname of the child wishing to transfer, with the child being selected in the order set out below:

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

The order was determined by a randomised selection of letters. In the event of the 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 letter of the first forenames appearing on the transfer form will be used. Hyphenated surnames, consisting of two separate surnames will be treated as one complete word for selection purposes.