

## PRIORY INTEGRATED COLLEGE

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## CONTROLLED INTEGRATED SECONDARY SCHOOL

Age Range: 11-18

Admissions No: 100

Enrolment No: 600

### OPEN EVENING INFORMATION

**Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 January 2020 from 6.30pm until 9.00pm.** Parents / carers of P7 pupils are most welcome, as well as any student interested in joining the college's Sixth Form.

### 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 functions of applying the admissions criteria.

#### ADMISSIONS

The aim of the admissions policy is to achieve as even a balance as possible in the intake with regard to religious denomination.

The Board of Governors will seek to reflect, in the total number of pupils admitted in the next academic year, a balance amongst all traditions. In order to achieve this aim Priory Integrated College will reserve a maximum of 20% of places for pupils from traditions other than Catholic and Protestant traditions or no stated religion; 40% to those of the Catholic tradition and 40% to those of the Protestant tradition.

The criteria detailed below will first be applied to members of 'other traditions' in the order set down and a maximum of 20% of available places will be awarded to this group. The remaining places will be divided equally between Catholic and Protestant applicants.

In the event of less than 20% of places being awarded to applicants from 'other traditions', the balance will be divided equally between Catholic and Protestant applicants.

In the event of an odd number of places remaining in the division, an additional place will be allocated to the minority tradition.

The criteria will be applied separately to Catholic and Protestant applicants. In the event of there being fewer applicants from either tradition than there are places available for that tradition, then the balance of places will be allocated to the other tradition.

The religious affiliation of the pupil will be decided by either:

- Information supplied by the applicant's parent/carer in writing to Priory Integrated College; or
- The religious affiliation noted on or attached to the Transfer Form; or
- The category of primary school which the pupil attended ie. the applicant will be deemed Catholic if he / she is transferring from a maintained primary school, Protestant if he / she is transferring from a controlled primary school, or Other if he / she is transferring from an integrated primary school.

#### ADMISSIONS POLICY

***Please note: 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 Transfer Form. Parents / carers should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the Transfer Form or attached to it. Examples of such information include whether the child, at the date of application, has or has had within the last 5 years, a child of the family enrolled in the college.***

#### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

In the event of there being more applications than there are places available the following criteria will be applied in the order set down:

1. Applicants who, at the date of application, have or have had within the last 5 years, a child of the family enrolled in the college.

2. Applicants who, at the date of application, are the eldest child or only child of the family eligible to apply for admission to the college, or in the case of a family recently arrived in Northern Ireland, the first to reach transfer age since arrival.
3. Applicants who nominate Priory Integrated College as either their first or second preference on their Transfer Form;
4. Applicants who are transferring from an integrated primary school.
5. Applicants who are transferring from the following primary schools: Holywood PS, Knocknagoney PS, Rudolf Steiner, Rockport, St. Patrick's PS and Sullivan Preparatory School.
6. Applicants from a mixed relationship which we define as one parent/partner/carer being Catholic and the other partner being Protestant or one partner being of any other religion outside the main traditions in Northern Ireland.
7. Applicants from primary schools with a tradition of transferring pupils to Priory Integrated College:

Abbey PS	Clandeboyne PS	Kilmaine PS	St Joseph's PS Belfast BT5
Ballyholme PS	Crawfordsburn PS	Knocknagoney PS	St Malachy's PS Bangor
Ballymagee PS	Cregagh PS	Leadhill PS	St Michael's PS, Belfast, BT6
Ballyvester PS	Dundonald PS	Londonderry PS	Strandtown PS
Belvoir PS	Elmgrove PS	Nettlefield PS	Towerview PS
Bloomfield Road PS	Euston Street PS	Newtownards Model PS	Victoria Park PS, Belfast BT4
Braniel PS	Gilnahirk PS	Rathmore PS	Victoria PS, Newtownards
Brooklands PS	Grange Park PS	Regent Prep	West Winds PS
Cairnshill PS	Harding Memorial PS	St Comgall's PS	
Castle Gardens PS	Kilcooley PS	St Finian's PS	

8. Applicants residing closest to the college, as measured by RAC Route Finder.

#### APPLYING CRITERIA

In the event that there are fewer applicants complying with a particular criterion than there are places available or remaining, those applicants complying with that criterion will be admitted and the next criterion will be applied to the remaining applicants.

In the event that there are more applicants complying with a particular criterion than there are places available or remaining, those applicants complying with that criterion will go forward to be considered under the next criterion and those not complying with that criterion will be eliminated.

In the event of applicants living equidistant from the college applicants will be selected for the remaining places on the basis of initial letter of the surname in the order set out below:

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

The order was determined by a randomised selection of the letters of the alphabet and will change each year.

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 initial letter of the applicant's forename will be used in the order set out above.

#### 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 Transfer Form.

Please note that 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 on the part of any school nominated on the applicant's Transfer Form.

### APPLICATIONS FROM CHILDREN WITH A STATEMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Applications from children with a statement of special educational need are administered separately and in consultation with the Education Authority. Please refer to the college's SEN and Inclusion Policy for guidance on admission.

### WAITING LIST POLICY

The College maintains a Waiting List for applicants in all year groups.

- Applications received after schools have been allocated to pupils will be placed, in order of receipt, at the end of the waiting list of those children not selected during the admissions process.
- For all year groups other than Year 8, if a place becomes available this will immediately be filled by the pupil who is top of the waiting list as determined through application of our normal admissions criteria.

### APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications <i>ie. All preferences</i>	Total Admissions
<b>2017/18</b>	100	147	105*
<b>2018/19</b>	100	230	117*
<b>2019/20</b>	100	244	123*

\* In 2017 the Department of Education approved a temporary variation of the college's admission number from 100 to 105. In 2018 the Department of Education approved a temporary variation of the college's admission number from 100 to 117. In 2019 the Department of Education approved a temporary variation of the college's admission number from 100 to 123.

### The college's criteria for admission to Years 9 onwards

The college admits pupils from Year 9 onwards using religious affiliation plus the same admissions criteria as is used for admission into Year 8.