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Controlled Primary School

Enrolment No: 220
Admissions No: 30

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

The Board of Governors of Kesh Primary School, has determined that the following criteria shall be applied by them in the event of the number of pupils applying for places in Year 1 being greater than the admissions number, in the order set out below.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 7 January 2026 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 21 January 2026 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 21 January 2026 and up to 4 pm on 26 January 2026 will be treated as a late application, this is also the last date and time for processing a change of preference in exceptional circumstances. After 4 pm on 26 January 2026 no applications will be processed until after the close of procedure on 23 March 2026.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE

Any child who reaches their 4th Birthday on or before 1st July 2026 is of Compulsory School Age. Under the School Age (NI) Act which became law in Northern Ireland in April 2022, 'compulsory school age' also includes those children who deferred commencing Primary 1 in September 2025 as defined by the new School Age (NI) Act (both groups to be treated equally).

Priority will be given to children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to the school before those who are not so resident.

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/Guardians should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the application form or attached to it.

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.

YEAR 1

- 1 Children who currently attend Kesh Community Nursery or have a sibling (with one or both parents in common) or foster/adopted brothers or sisters who currently attend Kesh Primary School.
- 2 Children who at the date of their application are the eldest child of the family to be eligible to apply for admission to Kesh Primary School e.g. twins or multiple births will be treated as joint eldest. In cases where the child is more than 7 years younger than their next nearest sibling, the child will be treated as eldest and in cases where the eldest sibling is not eligible to attend mainstream school.
- 3 Children of compulsory school age.

In the event of over-subscription in the last criterion which can be applied, then selection for all places remaining in this category will be on the basis of the initial letter of the surname as per the birth certificate, in the order set out below: -

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

The order was determined by a randomized selection of letters. In the event of surnames beginning with the same 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 as per the birth certificate will be used.

WAITING LIST POLICY

The school's policy on the consideration of applications (after the Open Enrolment Admissions procedures concludes on 23 March 2026 is available directly from the school. Should a vacancy arise, the above criteria will be applied to select pupils from our waiting list.

YEAR 1 ADMISSIONS – AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

If a place(s) become available after 1 September 2026 and there are more applicants than places then selection of pupils will be made on the application of the Year 1 Admissions Criteria to those pupils seeking admission at the time the place(s) become available.

ADMISSION TO P2 - P7

Pupils will be considered for enrolment provided that:

- 1 the school would not exceed its enrolment number; and
- 2 in the opinion of the Board of Governors their admission would not prejudice the efficient use of the school's resources.

If, at the time of the consideration of the application, there are more 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 applicant's Application.

If the requested evidence is not provided to the Board of Governors by the deadline given, this will result in the withdrawal of an offer of a place. Similarly, if information is supplied which appears to be false or misleading in any material way, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

APPLICATIONS & ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY 1

Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2023/2024	33	33
2024/2025	34	34
*2025/2026	34	34

***The Total Admissions for year 2025/2026 includes all P1 children admitted to the school including those who have a statement of special educational needs and/or may be attending SPiMS. (SPiMS = Specialist Provision in Mainstream School)**