

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE

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Voluntary Maintained

Secondary School

Boys and Girls

Age Range 11 – 16

Admissions Number: 100

Enrolment Number: 500

Roll Number: 465

Open Night

Thursday 15th January 2026 at 5pm

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

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates subject to its final approval, to a selection committee consisting of the Headmaster, the Vice-Principal and two members of the Board of Governors Admissions Sub-Committee, the task of applying the criteria. Any reference herein to the term the Board of Governors includes any Committee or Sub-Committee appointed by the Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the Admissions Criteria set out herein.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA 2026

The Board of Governors has determined that, in the event of the number of applicants being greater than the admissions number for the school, then the following method, and the criteria in the order set down, will be used to select pupils for admission.

Should the number of pupils who satisfy the requirements of the last criterion that can be applied exceed the number of places remaining, then the candidates will be listed in rank order in that criterion, by date of birth, eldest first and youngest last, and admitted in that order.

In the event of two or more candidates having the same birth-date and thereby qualifying for the last place, the award of this place will be determined on the basis of initial letter of surname (as entered on the Birth Certificate) in the order set out below:

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

If applicants are still tied after this, then priority will be determined amongst them by a method of computerised random selection. The unsuccessful candidate will be offered the first place on the waiting list. Other positions on the waiting list will be determined by date of birth, eldest first and youngest last.

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to make application on behalf of the child(ren) and to ensure that all of the relevant information is given on, or attached to the Transfer Application, to enable the Board of Governors to apply the criteria as outlined below.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information on any application by Transfer Application.

The Provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by post-primary schools can result in the withdrawal of a place or the inability to offer a place on the part of any school nominated on the applicant's Transfer Application.

1. Applicants from the following contributory parishes namely (in no particular order):
Ardmore, Banagher, Claudy (Cumber Upper & Learnmount), Culmore, Donaghheady (Dunamanagh), Dungiven, Faughanvale, Glendermott Waterside, Holy Family Ballymagroarty, Leckpatrick, Limavady, Melmount (Mourne), Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown, Strabane (Camus), St Eugene's Cathedral, St Columba's Longtower, St Mary's Creggan, Strathfoyle, Three Patrons (Pennyburn, Carnhill & Galliagh).
2. Applicants with a sibling currently attending the school or who is the first child in family to transfer to a post primary school.
3. Applicants who select the college as first preference.
4. Applicants who select the college as a first non-selective preference.

In the event of a place becoming available after the closing date, the same criteria will be applied to all pupils who have sought or are seeking a place.

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered.

The application procedure opens on 27 January 2026 at 12 noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 19 February 2026 at 12 noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application.

An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 19 February 2026 and up to 24 February 2026 no later than 4pm will be treated as a late application.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8

Year	Admissions Number	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2023/24	100	88	86/+18 SEN
2024/25	100	63	60/+7 SEN
2025/26*	100	83	76/+5 SEN

****The Total Admissions for year 2025/2026 includes all Year 8 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)

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR ENTRY TO YEARS 9 – 12

Admission criteria to years 9 onwards is available upon request from the school office