



Admissions Criteria

ENTRY INTO YEAR 8

The School will follow the procedure below in processing the First Year Intake.

Places will be allocated in the following order:

1. To pupils from *contributory primary schools, irrespective of academic attainment.
2. To pupils from other primary schools in the catchment area (Moyle Council district).
3. To pupils from other primary schools beyond the catchment area.
4. To those who have family relationships with the school; siblings, mother, father, or cousins (in that order).
5. To those whose home address is in closest proximity to the school as measured in a straight line on an Ordnance Survey map.

Children resident in N. Ireland at the time of their proposed admission will be selected before any child not so resident. Applicants should note that they may be required to produce documents verifying their address.

***CONTRIBUTORY PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

Armoy Controlled Primary School

Ballycastle Integrated Primary School

Dunseverick Controlled Primary School

Bushvalley Controlled Primary School

Knockahollet Controlled Primary School

Straidbilly Controlled Primary School

Where the number of applications falls below the permitted number of places they will be accepted by the Principal without reference to the Board of Governors.

Where applications exceed available places the allocation may be referred to the Board of Governors for decisions.

TRANSFER FROM OTHER SCHOOLS

(Other than at Normal Initial Intake Years 8 – 12)

A pupil will be considered for entry where:

1. Pupils and parents support the aims, and agree to abide by all rules and conditions, of the school.
2. It can be shown that the Educational/Vocational needs of the pupil seeking admission will be fulfilled by the education provided in the school.
3. Admission of a pupil will not place unreasonable demands on the resources of the school in terms of teacher time, accommodation or supervision.
4. The school's curricular provision matches that in the source school to the degree that a full course in keeping with the statutory requirements can be fulfilled.
5. Admission of the pupil would not result in the school's approved enrolment being exceeded.

Reports and information from previous schools or other relevant agencies must be made available to inform a decision based on the above criteria.

The criteria for transfer may be applied by the Principal on behalf of the Board of Governors.

In the Event of Over-Subscription

Preference will be given to those:

- (1) Who have a sibling or former family relationship with the school.
- (2) To those living in closest proximity to the school.
- (3) **Children resident in N. Ireland at the time of their proposed admission will be selected before any child not so resident.**

ENTRY INTO SIXTH FORM

1. The educational/vocational needs of the pupil seeking entry to post GCSE provision will be the fundamental consideration in the process of assessing suitability to enrol subject to the following:
 - (a) a pupil will be considered for enrolment provided the school does not exceed its enrolment number as determined by DENI.
 - (b) a pupil may be accepted into the school provided this would not prejudice the efficient
 - i. use of the school's resources.
 - ii. provision of education in the school.
 - (c) academic achievement - the applicant should have obtained a minimum of four GCSE's at A* - C and more normally a minimum points score of 36, where grades A, B and C are worth 10, 8 and 6 respectively.
 - (d) level of industry must demonstrate a potential to benefit from a post GCSE course of study – this will be assessed by reference to monthly test performance, Key Stage 4 reports and attendance records.
 - (e) approach to schoolwork, peers and staff - this will be assessed by reference to school records.
2. A pupil who intends to take a combination of A level and/or other courses will be required to have commensurate levels of attainment that demonstrate their potential to cope successfully with the proposed course.
3. A pupil proposing to transfer from another school would be expected to meet the above criteria.

All applications for admission to the school should be made on NEELB form AP1 and submitted to the school office.

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