# Admissions criteria for entry September 2021

Rathmore Primary School Rathmore Road Bangor BT19 IDJ

#### **Controlled Primary School**

Enrolment No. 609 Admissions No. 87

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## Respective Functions of the Board of Governors

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to an Admissions Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal, the responsibility for applying these criteria.

#### **Open Evening: Virtual Tour (Posted on Website & Facebook)**

#### Admissions Criteria

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria <u>punctual applications</u> will be considered before <u>late applications</u> are considered. The application procedure opens on 7 January 2021 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 29 January 2021 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a <u>punctual application</u>. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 29 January 2021 will be treated as a <u>late application</u>.

#### Year 1 Intake

The following criteria will be applied, in the order set down 1-5 by the Board of Governors of Rathmore Primary School, in selecting children for admission to Y1 in September 2021. When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed on the application or provided directly to the school. 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 or provided directly to the first preference school. Examples of such information include whether the child has brothers/sisters attending the school, or is the eldest child in the family.

Only children of compulsory school age will be considered for admission. Preference will be given to children:-

- 1 Who have a brother/sister, half brother/sister, fostered brother/sister or step brother/sister presently enrolled in the school. (name and class included).
- 2 Children who are enrolled during the 2020/21 year at Rathmore Nursery.
- 3 Whose parent/guardian/grandparent is presently a permanent employee of the school. (name included).
- 4 Whose brother/sister, half brother/ sister, fostered brother/sister or step brother/sister is a former pupil of the primary school P1-P7 classes. (Since or including 2015. Names and dates attended must be included).
- 5 Other children.

#### Supplementary Criteria

In the event of over subscription by application of any of the above criteria 1-5, preference will be given to children who live closest to the school as measured from their house to the school's front entrance. (RAC Route Planner, shortest route, will be used to measure this distance.)

In the event of children living equidistant, final selection will be made on the basis of the initial letter of their surname as recorded on the child's birth certificate in the order set out below:

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This order was determined by a randomised selection of the letters of the alphabet. In event of surnames beginning with the same letter the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenemes will be used.

# 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 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.

All applicants will be required to verify information by providing the following documents directly to the school of first preference, by noon on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021. These documents should be provided direct to the school.

The child's original, birth certificate. (essential). A utility bill or bank/credit card statement giving current address dated within the last 3 months. A driving license with current address.

Only 1 item of the latter 2 is necessary

## Waiting List

Should a vacancy arise after the Open Enrolment procedure concludes, applications for admission that were initially refused, new applications, late applications and applications where new information has been provided will be treated equally and the published criteria applied. This waiting list will be in place until 30 June 2021.

The school will contact you in writing if your child gains a place in the school by this method.

Your child's name will be automatically added to the list. Please contact the school if you wish your child's name to be removed from the list.

## Y2-Y7 Intake

The above criteria will also be applied, in the order set down by the Board of Governors, in selecting children for admission to Y2-Y7 classes from September 2021.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY 1		
Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2018/19	80	80
2019/20	81	81
2020/21	89	89