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| **Rathmore Primary School** |  **Controlled Primary School** |
| **Rathmore Road** |  |
| **Bangor** |  **Enrolment No. 600** |
| **BT19 IDJ** |  **Admissions No. 87** |
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| **Telephone: 028 9127 0399** |  **Principal: Mrs Julie M Hardy B.Ed (Hons), M.Ed, PQH (NI)** |
| **E-Mail:** **info@rathmoreps.bangor.ni.sch.uk****Website: www.rathmoreps.co.uk** | **Chair of Board of Governors Mrs Deborah Colville****‘Caring, learning, excelling, together.’**  |

**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.

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| **Information Evening: Wednesday 29 November 2023, 5.30 – 6.30pm** |
| **Open Morning: Friday 5 January 2024, 9 – 10.30am & 12 – 2pm*****Rathmore PS & Nursery have a live DE Development Proposal to transform to Controlled Integrated School Status by September 2025 (or as soon as possible thereafter)*** |

**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 9 January 2024 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 26 January 2024 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application.   An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 26 January 2024 and up to 4 pm on 31 January 2024 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 31 January 2024 no applications will be processed until after the close of procedure on 25 April 2024.

**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 2024. 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. 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.

* Priority will be given to children who will have attained compulsory school age at the time of their proposed admission, including those children whose parents deferred their admission to primary school in September 2023 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.

**Admissions Criteria**

In the event of over-subscription, the following criteria will apply in the order listed 1-5.

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 2023/24 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 2018. 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:

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

**This order was determined by a randomised selection of letters. 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.

**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 2025.

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 2024.

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| **APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY 1** |
| **Year** | **Total Applications** | **Total Admissions** |
| **2021/2022** | **65** | **65** |
| **2022/2023** | **60** | **60** |
| **2023/2024** | **57** | **57** |