

MARKETHILL HIGH SCHOOL

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Controlled Secondary

Age Range: 11 - 16+

Admissions Number: 93

Approved Number: 465

Respective functions of the Board of Governors and Principal in relation to Admissions to the school

The Board of Governors of Markethill High School draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to the Principal responsibility for applying the criteria.

The lodging of an application is interpreted by the Board of Governors as an indication that the parents and the child concerned accept and is in agreement with the ethos, philosophy, aims, policies and regulations of the school including any code of conduct or discipline policy of the school. Information in relation to these may be obtained from the school.

ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8

(either in September 2022 or during the course of the 2022/2023 school year)

Parents/Guardians should note that they are required to submit verifying documents in support of their child's application, as relevant to the criteria below. If documents are not uploaded with the Transfer Application they will be requested after notification of a place offered.

If the number of applications is greater than the Admissions Number determined by the Department of Education, the following criteria shall be applied in the order listed below until the point where the admissions number is reached.

In the event that there are fewer applicants complying with a particular criterion than there are places available or remaining, those applicants complying with that criterion will be admitted and the next criterion will be applied to the remaining applicants.

In the event that there are more applicants complying with a particular criterion than there are places available or remaining, those applicants complying with that criterion will go forward to be considered under the next criterion and those not complying with that criterion will be eliminated.

CRITERIA

1. Pupils from the following local contributory primary schools:

Armstrong	Hamiltonsbawn	Markethill	Saints and Scholars
Bessbrook	Hardy Memorial	Mountnorris	
Clare	Kingsmills	Mullaglass	
Derryhale	Lisnadill	Poyntzpass	

2. Sibling of a child of the family* in attendance at the school in the 2021/2022 school year;
3. Eldest eligible child of the family**;
4. Children of permanent members of the teaching and nonteaching staff of the school;

* 'Child of the family' refers to: a child born to a married couple or to a couple in a civil partnership; a child born to a co-habiting couple; a child born to a single parent; a child of either/any of those people by a previous marriage, civil partnership or relationship; a child living with a couple who has been treated as a "child of the family" whether there is a marriage or a civil partnership or not; a child living with an individual, who has been treated as a "child of the family"; an adopted or fostered child; a situation where for example an orphaned cousin is being brought up with a family or individual.

** 'Eldest eligible child of the family' includes applicants who, although not chronologically the eldest in the family, are to be treated as the 'eldest eligible child of the family' in circumstances set out below:

- a. The applicant is the first in the family to transfer to a mainstream post primary school in Northern Ireland;
- b. Where the applicant is more than five years younger than the next eldest sibling (by birth date);

- c. Where the applicant’s family has moved residence so that the applicant is the first child of the family to have an opportunity to apply to the school.

The Board of Governors require evidence to support or verify information as regards ‘eldest eligible child of the family’. Please upload with your Transfer Application a letter from your church minister or your GP or a solicitor. A child benefit statement is also acceptable and can be uploaded with your online application.

Tie Breaker

In the event of the school being oversubscribed and the above criteria having been applied, priority will be given to pupils whose permanent place of residence is closest to Markethill High School as measured using the Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland (OSNI) online Distance Measuring Tool, using 6-figure northings and eastings grid references to identify distance from the front gates of school to individual houses.

In the unlikely event that the (OSNI) Distance Measuring Tool is not available, a hard-copy 1:50000 Ordnance Survey map will be used instead to measure distance.

In the event of equal distance between two permanent places of residence and the school, applicants will be selected for admission on the basis of the initial letter of the surname (as it appears on the Birth Certificate) using a list of randomised letters in the order set out below:

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

In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order to establish priority.

In the event of two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forename (as it appears on the Birth Certificate) will be used to establish priority.

Where the forename begins with the same letter, the second and if necessary, subsequent letters will be used to establish priority for admission using alphabetical order.

Where no priority can be established by means of this direct alphabetical comparison the child with the shorter first forename will be prioritised for admission (e.g. “Alan”, “Alana”).

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 Transfer Application.

It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure that all relevant information is given on or attached to the Transfer Application.

The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by the school can result in the withdrawal of a place and the inability to offer a place on the part of any school nominated on the applicant’s Transfer Application.

NOTES:

- 1. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure that all relevant information is given on or attached to the Transfer Application**
- 2. Inaccurate or misleading information provided on or attached to a Transfer Application may prejudice an offer of a place and may lead to the withdrawal of a place awarded to an applicant who has thereby gained an improper advantage.**

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications All Preferences	Total Admissions
2019/2020	93	124	103*
2020/2021	93	119	103*
2021/2022	93	119	104*

* Includes statemented pupils

**ADMISSION CRITERIA
FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS TO YEARS 9–12**

A pupil will be admitted provided that the following conditions are met:

- (a) The school's approved number is not exceeded.
- (b) The admission of the pupil would not, in the opinion of the Board of Governors be prejudicial to the efficient use of resources in the school.

In the event of oversubscription, the following criteria will be applied in the order stated.

In selecting pupils for admission:

1. Pupils for whom Markethill High School is the closest post-primary school to the child's permanent home address.
2. Other pupils.

If there are more applicants in either criterion than places available, the following sub-criteria will be applied in the order indicated below:

- (i) Children of permanent members of the teaching and nonteaching staff of the school;
- (ii) Sibling of a child of the family*, in attendance at the school in the 2021/2022 school year or eldest eligible child of the family**;
- (iii) Sibling of a former pupil who is a child of the family*.

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