

**MARKETHILL HIGH SCHOOL**

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**Chairperson of the Board of Governors:** Mr T Lockhart MBE

**Controlled Secondary**

**Age Range:** 11 - 16+

**Admissions Number:** 93

**Approved Number:** 465

**Open Evening – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

**6.30pm - 9.00pm.**

**Principal's address at 7.15pm and 8.00pm in the Assembly Hall.**

**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 responsibility for applying the criteria to the Admissions sub-committee which includes the Principal.

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 Positive Behaviour Policy of the school. Information in relation to these may be obtained from the school.

**ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8**

**(either in September 2024 or during the course of the 2024/2025 school year)**

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 30 January 2024 at 12 noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 22 February 2024 at 12 noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12 noon (GMT) on 22 February 2024 and up to 4pm on 4 March 2024 will be treated as a late application.

**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.**

Criteria will be applied in the following order: -

**CRITERIA**

1. Pupils from the following local contributory primary schools.

Armstrong	Hamiltonsbawn	Mountnorris
Bessbrook	Hardy Memorial	Mullaglass
Clare	Lisnadill	Poyntzpass
Derryhale	Markethill	Saints and Scholars
2. Children who, at the date of application, have a child of the family\* currently enrolled at the school.
3. Children for whom Markethill High School is the nearest controlled secondary school to the child's normal place of residence. \*\*
4. Children of permanent members of the teaching and nonteaching staff of the school.
5. Other children.

\* The phrase "child of the family" covers children fostered, adopted etc.

\*\* Nearest controlled secondary school is measured, as the crow flies, using the Measure Distance website [www.doogal.co.uk](http://www.doogal.co.uk)

**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, as the crow flies, using the measure distance website [www.doogal.co.uk](http://www.doogal.co.uk)

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:

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

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.

**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**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Admissions No</b>	<b>Total Applications All Preferences</b>	<b>Total Admissions</b>
<b>2021/2022</b>	93	119	104*
<b>2022/2023</b>	93	116	104*
<b>2023/2024</b>	93	131	110*

\* 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) Children who, at the date of application, have a child of the family\* currently enrolled at the school.
- (iii) Children, who had a child of the family\* previously enrolled at the school.

\*The phrase "child of the family" covers children fostered, adopted etc.

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, as the crow flies, using the Measure Distances website [www.doogal.co.uk](http://www.doogal.co.uk)

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