

ADMISSION CRITERIA YEAR 8 (2024/2025)

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

The criteria are drawn up by the Board of Governors, which may delegate the application of them to an Admissions committee. Any reference herein to the term Board of Governors includes any committee or subcommittee appointed by the Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the Admission Criteria set out herein. The Board of Governors may require the support of the College's administrative staff in order to fulfil its duties and they are so authorised by the Board of the Board of Governors.

It is important for parents and primary school principals to be aware, that since its foundation, the College welcomes pupils of all-ability including those achieving grades in the Transfer Test.

Admission Criteria

The Board of Governors will seek to reflect in the total number admitted to the College a balance between the two main traditions in Northern Ireland. In order to achieve this, places will be allocated as follows:

Protestant tradition:	45%
Catholic tradition:	45%
Others:	10%

The criteria, set out below will be applied consecutively and separately to each of the above three categories. If there are fewer applicants than places available in any one category, then the balance of the places will be divided equally between the remaining two categories. Should an odd number of places remain, then the additional place will be allocated to the category which has the greater number of applicants. Should an odd number of places remain and the number of applications be equal in both categories, then the additional place will be allocated to the category which represents the minority tradition on roll, in the College, at any time of the Admissions procedure. If there are fewer applicants than places in two categories, then both balances of places will be allocated to the remaining category.

The religious affiliation of a pupil will be determined by the religious affiliation noted on or attached/uploaded to the online Transfer Application. If this information is not provided on the Transfer Application, the religious affiliation will be determined by the category of primary school which the pupil attends i.e., Controlled or Maintained. The Board of Governors reserves the right to verify religious affiliation as recorded in the Primary School Information Management System.

Criteria for Admission to Year 8 September 2024/2025

1. Applicants who have a brother(s) and/or sister(s) enrolled /formerly enrolled in the College. **(See procedures in the event of oversubscription)**
2. Applicants who are the eldest child/eldest eligible child.
 - Whose parent/guardian is a member of the College staff who has been in the salaried employment of New-Bridge Integrated College for a period of no less than twelve consecutive months on **1 March 2024**.
 - A Governor of New-Bridge Integrated College for a period of no less than twelve consecutive months on **1 March 2024**, or a former member of the Board of Governors who completed a full term of office.Applicants so described are regarded as equal. **(See procedures in the event of oversubscription)**
3. Applicants who are the eldest child in the family or the brother/sister of an eldest child whose admission to Year 8 at the time of the Transfer Procedure was refused on a previous year due to oversubscription. Applicants so described are regarded as equal. **(See procedures in the event of oversubscription)**
4. Applicants who are not the eldest child **(See procedures in the event of oversubscription)**

The criteria shall be applied in the order set out above first to all applicants choosing New-Bridge Integrated College as their first choice of post-primary school, then to those choosing New-Bridge Integrated College as second choice and so on as required.

Procedures in the event of oversubscription

In the event of oversubscription occurring at any of the above criteria then selection for places at that criterion will first be made with preference being given to first preference applications transferring from an integrated primary school. Information in relation to primary school is taken on the basis of the **primary school attended at the time the online Transfer Application is completed.**

If oversubscription still occurs, then preference will be given to first preference applicants who are the eldest child and whose parent is a former pupil of New-Bridge Integrated College. The name of the parent and the dates they attended New-Bridge must be clearly stated on the transfer application.

If oversubscription still occurs, then selection for places remaining at that stage will be made by drawing a lot among the applicants under that criterion. The lottery procedure will be conducted by the principal and two other staff members or governors.

NOTES FOR INFORMATION

1. It is a matter for parents to ensure that all the necessary information required by the College in order to apply its criteria is provided on or attached/uploaded to the online Transfer Application. In particular, it is important for parents to make it clear on or attach/upload to the Transfer Application that they are claiming a relationship under Criterion 1 or Criterion 2. It is also the responsibility of parents to indicate on or attach/upload to the Transfer Application information relevant for consideration under Criterion 3. Where parents certify that the applicant is the eldest child in the family, or the only child in the family for whom transfer to a post-primary integrated school has been possible since and including 1st September 1995 when New-Bridge Integrated College was founded, or is the brother or sister of an elder child whose admission to Year 8 at the time of the Transfer Procedure was refused on a previous year due to oversubscription, this must be clearly stated on or attached/uploaded to the Transfer Application.
2. In the case of multiple births in a family, such children are regarded as equal.
3. Long term foster children placed within a family where a son and/or daughter of the 'fostering' family is enrolled at the College, qualify for admission at Criterion 1.

Duty to Verify

The Board of Governors reserves the right to verify any information supplied on or attached/uploaded to the Transfer Application and to obtain any information required to fulfil its admissions procedure. The Board of Governors wish to state that inaccurate or misleading information provided on or attached/uploaded 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.