

## RATHMORE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Voluntary Grammar School

Co-educational

**Age Range:** 11-18

**Admission No:** 180

**Enrolment No:** 1260

### OPEN DAY

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we are unable to hold our annual Open Day. A virtual tour of the school, prospectus and information pack are available on our website [www.rathmoregrammarschool.org](http://www.rathmoregrammarschool.org).

**To Parents/Guardians naming Rathmore Grammar School as a preference on your child's online Transfer Application.**

### CAPITAL FEE

There is no Capital Fee.

All pupils are asked to pay a Voluntary Contribution (currently £120 per annum).

### RESPECTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND PRINCIPAL IN RELATION TO ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL

The Board of Governors, having agreed the criteria for admission, has delegated to the Admissions Committee which includes the Principal, the authority to decide which particular applicants shall be admitted to the school in accordance with the criteria and any appropriate statutory regulations issued by the Department of Education.

### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS TO YEAR 8 IN SEPTEMBER 2021

#### ALLOCATION OF PLACES

All pupils resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to the School will be selected for admissions before any pupil not so resident.

In order to determine which pupils will be accepted into Year 8, the following criteria will be applied in the order set down, **to applicants who were registered** to sit the 2020-21 PPTC Entrance Assessment (**Registration Card must be uploaded with the online Transfer Application**):

- (i) **applicants who, at the date of their application, have a child of the family currently or previously enrolled at the School; (Name and year of present pupil and name and dates of attendance of past pupil must be given.)**
- (ii) **applicants who are the eldest\* child of the family or the eldest child at the date of application, eligible to transfer to a mainstream Post-Primary school or the only child of the family or whose brother or sister is an eldest child who achieved grade A and previously applied to the School but was not selected. (Certificate of Verification must be provided.)**

\*twins and other multiples who are eldest in the family are treated as joint eldest children.

**If oversubscribed in Criterion (ii) applicants will be** selected for acceptance on the basis of a computer-based random process (\*see below).

- (iii) Applicants who are not allocated to either group (i) or group (ii) above.

**If oversubscribed in Criterion (iii) applicants will be** selected for acceptance on the basis of a computer-based random process (\*see below).

### Twins and children of other multiple births

Where twins and other children of multiple births are participants in the computer based random process (\*see below) of determining rank order as described below, the procedure will be conducted as set out but, on completion of the computer process, the ranking number of the second and any subsequent child of the multiple birth will be changed to that number immediately after the ranking number of the first child and the ranking number of all other applicants whose ranking was higher than that of the first child will be changed accordingly as a result.

\* The process is carried out by means of a computer program which, for each applicant, generates a ranking number using the details from the Transfer Application as the seed for a random number generator. The outcome, for any given applicant, is dependent only on the applicant's name (as stated on the Transfer Application) and is not affected by the details of any other applicant. Although the process is repeatable, and the results may therefore be subsequently verified, it is not possible to predict, in advance of running the program, what the result will be for any given set of details. Applicants with the lowest ranking numbers will be given places up to the number of places available.

N.B. exception – as the school is not permitted to exceed its admission number (180), in the event of the first child of a multiple birth being ranked 180 the second and any subsequent child of that multiple birth cannot be admitted in the manner provided above.

Applicants will be admitted up to the maximum order of the school's admissions number (180).

### SPECIAL PROVISION

Special Provision will only apply to children who were not entered for the PPTC GL Entrance Assessment because they took up residence in Northern Ireland after 16 October 2020 or received more than half of their primary education outside Northern Ireland. Claims for Special Provision, verified by the child's Primary School Principal, should be made on Form SP1 and submitted with the Transfer Application with independent, verifiable documentary evidence, as appropriate. Using the information provided, the Board of Governors will determine whether Special Provision applies. If it does, those children who the Board of Governors considers to be eligible will be considered under Criterion (ii) of the Admissions Criteria.

**Form SP1** is available from the School or its website at [www.rathmoregrammarschool.org](http://www.rathmoregrammarschool.org). Parents/Guardians wishing to claim Special Provision should forward a completed copy of **Form SP1** directly to Rathmore Grammar School by **Tuesday, 16 March 2021**.

### WAITING LIST POLICY

Should a vacancy arise after **18 June 2021** all applications for admission to Year 8 that were initially refused, new 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 2022**. 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 for your child's name to be removed from the list.

### DUTY TO VERIFY

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed on or uploaded with the Transfer Application. Parents should ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the Transfer Application and uploaded with it.

## Admissions criteria for entry September 2021

The Certificate of Verification for Criterion (ii) is available from the School and can also be downloaded from the School website. If it is found, whether prior to enrolment or post-enrolment, that false information has been given in support of an application, the school will not offer the child a place or will withdraw the offer of a place if it has already been made.

### Applications and Admissions

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications <i>ie. All preferences</i>	Total Admissions
<b>2018/19</b>	180	247	183*
<b>2019/20</b>	180	299	181*
<b>2020/21</b>	180	253	180

\*includes children admitted through the Exceptional Circumstances Body and Admission Appeals Tribunal

**Criteria for admission to Years 9 onwards** - Available on request from the school.