

ST COLM'S HIGH SCHOOL

Maintained Secondary School

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Age Range: 11-18

Admissions No: 132

Enrolment No: 680

OPEN EVENING INFORMATION

A virtual Open Night video will be released on 8th February and can be viewed on our school Facebook page, the school website (stcolmshigh.org), Twitter and the school You Tube page.

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

The Board of Governors is responsible for decisions relating to admissions. The Governors delegate to the Principal the functions of applying the admissions criteria.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO YEAR 8

If the school is over-subscribed the Board of Governors will apply the criteria in the order set down. It is the parents' responsibility to inform the school of all relevant information relating to the request for admission.

STAGE ONE

Applications will be considered from pupils residing in the parishes of:

- St Luke's
- The Nativity
- Christ the Redeemer
- St Anne's
- Our Lady Queen of Peace, Kilwee and Derriaghy.

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down:

- 1 Pupils who have a brother or sister presently enrolled in the school. (Name and Form Class of pupil must be stated on Transfer Application).
- 2 A Pupil who is the eldest or only child in the family.
- 3 A Pupil who, while not the eldest child in the family is the first in the family to transfer to a mainstream School.
- 4 A Pupil whose parent/guardian/brother or sister is a permanent employee of the school.
- 5 A Pupil who had a brother or sister enrolled in the school (Name and year of leaving to be stated on Transfer Application).

In the event of over-subscription preference will be given to those whose normal place of residence is closest to the school as determined by the walking distance from the pupil's home to the front gate of the school. This will be on the basis of one child per parish taken in the following order:

- St Luke's
- The Nativity
- Christ the Redeemer
- St. Anne's
- Our Lady Queen of Peace, Kilwee and Derriaghly.

STAGE TWO

In the event that the admissions number is not reached at Stage One then applications will be considered from other parishes using the above criteria 1-5 in the order set down. In the event of oversubscription, priority will be given to those living closest to the school.

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 applicant's Transfer 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

The criteria relating to the initial admission of pupils into Year 8 before the commencement of the school year will also be used for entry into Year 8 should admission become possible after the commencement of the school year to all previously unsuccessful applicants and to those pupils who now wish to be on our waiting list.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications <i>ie. All preferences</i>	Total Admissions
2018/19	132	95	101*
2019/20	132	101	111*
2020/21	132	93	108*

*Includes statemented pupils.

Criteria for admission to years 9 onwards

Applications for admission to year 9 onwards will be based initially on the criteria for stage one. The school will require supplementary documentation to support an application or to verify information on a Transfer Application.