

## DUNCLUG COLLEGE

Controlled Secondary

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**Principal:** Mrs R Wilson, BA(Hons), MEd

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**Age Range of Pupils:** 11-19

**Admissions Number:** 140

**Enrolment Number:** 840

**Transfer Evenings: Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Principal's Talk – 7.00pm**

The School Prospectus will be provided on the Open Evening.  
School Policies and the School Development Plan can be obtained on request at the school office.

### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO YEAR 8

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

The Board of Governors has drawn up the following Admissions Criteria and the application of the criteria has been delegated to the Principal. Applications are welcome from pupils of all abilities.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will take into account information which is detailed on or attached to the application form only. Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is provided.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine necessary to support or verify any information on the Application Form. The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by the school can result in the inability of the school to offer a place/the withdrawal of a place.

**Criteria will be applied in the order set down below. At each criterion, applications will be processed and selected in order of expressed preference for a place at Dunclug College.**

1. Applicants who attend the following primary schools: Ballykeel, Ballymena, Braidside, Broughshane, Buick Memorial, Camphill, Carnaghts, Carniny, Carnalbanagh, Carnlough, Clough, Cloughmills, Creavery, Dunclug, Fourtowns, Gracehill, Groggan, Harryville, Hazelbank, Kells & Connor, Kirkinriola, Longstone, Moorfields, Portglenone, Randalstown Central, The Diamond, Tildarg.
2. Applicants with a sibling currently enrolled at the college.
3. Applicants who are the eldest child of the family or the first child seeking a place in a school which does not select by means of an entrance test, whether or not they sit such tests.
4. Applicants who have a Father, Mother or older sibling who previously attended the school.
5. Applicants for whom Dunclug College is the nearest appropriate Controlled Secondary school as measured by the nearest suitable route by road.
6. Older Applicants, established by Date of Birth as entered on a Birth Certificate.

If applicants are tied at Criterion 6, then priority shall be determined amongst these tied applicants according to the placement of their surname in a rank order determined according to the following randomly developed order of letters:

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

Where applicants have the same surname, then the first forename shall be used.

Where applicants are still tied, then priority will be determined amongst them by a method of random selection.

#### Number of Applications and Admissions

Year	Admissions No.	Total Applications All Preferences	Total Admissions
<b>2016/17</b>	140	166	162*
<b>2017/18</b>	140	138	138
<b>2018/19</b>	140	159	140

\*Admitted by Temporary Variation agreement with DE & EA

This table does not include children who were admitted with a statement of Special Educational Needs

**Criteria will be applied in the order set down below.**

**Where the school has places available within its enrolment number, pupils will be admitted into Years 9 – 12 on application of the following Admissions Criteria, numbered in order of priority:**

1. Pupils who can demonstrate that their educational needs, aspirations and interests can best be met at Dunclug College through, (i) the curriculum on offer, or (ii) the pastoral support available.
2. Pupils who have recently moved into the catchment area of the school and for whom Dunclug College is the nearest suitable school.
3. Pupils whose admission would, in the opinion of the Board of Governors, not prejudice the efficient use of the school's resources and would not adversely affect the education of children currently attending the school.

**Applications will be processed in order of receipt. Where there is a greater number of applications than places available, the following additional criteria will be applied:**

4. Pupils who can demonstrate extenuating personal circumstances, which could be alleviated by admission to the college.
5. Pupils who live closest to the front door of Dunclug College by the most direct approved route by road.

Account will be taken of the number of pupils in the year group to which admittance is sought, including the impact upon practical class sizes, as well as the overall Enrolment Number of the school.

**2. Where the school does not have places within its enrolment number:**

6. The Board of Governors will consider applying for an additional place, only where it is satisfied that there are compelling individual circumstances, accompanied by independent evidence, and that the admission of the pupil would be in the interests of both the pupil and the school.

All pupils seeking admission to the school will, together with their parents(s) or Guardians(s), be interviewed by the Principal or Deputy Principal.

**At the interview, it is important that all applicants demonstrate willingness to commit to the education on offer and the ethos of the College.**