

Admissions criteria for entry September 2020

DUNCLUG COLLEGE

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Controlled Secondary

Age Range of Pupils: 11-19

Admissions Number: 140

Enrolment Number: 840

Transfer Evenings: Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th January 2020. Principal's Talk - 7.00 pm.

The School Prospectus will be provided on the Open Evenings.
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:

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

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 |
|---------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 2017/18 | 140 | 138 | 138 |
| 2018/19 | 140 | 159 | 140 |
| 2019/20 | 140 | 162 | 160* |

*Admitted by Temporary Variation agreement with DE & EA

The above figures do not include children with Special Educational Needs

Admissions Criteria for students transferring into Years 9 – 12, and for students applying for Sixth Form places are available from The School Office.