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Grant Maintained Integrated Primary School

Enrolment No. 392
Admissions No. 56

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Respective Functions of the Board of Governors and the Principal in relation to Admissions

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to an Admissions Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal, the responsibility for applying these criteria.

The legal responsibilities under which the Board of Governors in the integrated sector have operated, were derived from the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989. The Board of Governors of Millennium Integrated acknowledge the introduction of the new Integrated Education Act 2022, and the Governors will assess any potential changes to existing school policy in line with that Act and its supporting Regulations and Guidance when they are published

Open Mornings and Evenings

There will be two Open Days:

Saturday 13th January – run over two sessions: 9:30am – 11:00am (Principal’s address in hall at 9:40am) and 11:30am – 1:00pm (Principal’s address in hall at 11:40am)

Wednesday 17th January: 9:30am – 11:00am (Principal’s address in hall at 9:40am)

Further details can be found on the school’s website: www.millenniumips.com

Admission

Priority will be given to children who will have attained compulsory school age at the time of their proposed admission, including those children whose parents deferred their admission to primary school in September 2023 as defined by the new School Age (NI) Act (both groups to be treated equally).

In accordance with the Education Reform (N.I.) Order 1989 only children of compulsory school age are admitted to Millennium Integrated Primary School. Any child who reaches his/her fourth birthday on or before 1 July 2024 is of compulsory school age and must receive education from September 2024 and (in accordance with the School Age (NI) Act 2022) children born on or between 1 April 2019 and 1 July 2019 (inclusive) and children born before 1 April 2019 but with a due date on or after 1 April 2019 whose parents deferred their admission to primary school in September 2023.

To fulfil our admissions criteria it is the responsibility of all parents/guardians to provide information regarding their child’s perceived community background. The religious affiliation/community background (Protestant, Catholic or Other/None) of a pupil will be determined by one of the following methods:

- a) For parents/guardians applying for a place via the Education Authority’s **online application** you will be prompted to and must select your child’s religious affiliation when completing the form; or
- b) A Pre-Enrolment Form can be obtained from our school website or school office if required or you can provide alternative written confirmation to our school. Your Pre-Enrolment Form/written confirmation of religion must be sent directly to our school by 4 pm 31 January 2024.

Admissions criteria for entry September 2024

If the parent(s)/guardian(s) does not supply this statement then the child's application will be considered with those from the majority category of that year's applicants.

Admissions Criteria

As an integrated school, Millennium seeks to achieve in its enrolments a balance between all the cultural traditions in Northern Ireland. Consequently, having placed applicants in rank order according to the criteria set out below, Millennium will in the first instance offer:

*12 places to the highest-ranked applicants who identify as Other, **and**
22 places to the highest-ranked applicants who identify as members of the Catholic community, **and**
22 places to the highest-ranked applicants who identify as members of the Protestant community.*

In the event that some places remain unfilled at that point, Millennium will offer them to the highest-ranked remaining applicants who identify as Other, and then to the highest-ranked remaining candidates regardless of community affiliation.

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 9 January 2024 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 26 January 2024 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 26 January 2024 and up to 4 pm on 31 January 2024 will be treated as a late application, this is also the last date and time for processing a change of preference in exceptional circumstances. After 4 pm on 31 January 2024 no applications will be processed until after the close of procedure on 25 April 2024.

In selecting children for admission, children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission will be selected for admission to the school before any child not so resident.

In the event that there are more applicants than places available, the Board of Governors has determined that the following criteria shall be applied in the order set down for children of compulsory school age

- 1 Children who have a sibling currently attending the school at the time of application.
- 2 Children who have attended Millennium Integrated Nursery.
- 3 Children who, at the date of their application, are the eldest child* of the family to be eligible to apply for admission to the school.(i.e. second child will not be disadvantaged if the eldest child attends a special school or specialist unit). The Board of Governors will also consider cases where the applicant is more than 7 years younger than the next eldest sibling as being an equivalent to an eldest child;

The definition of 'sibling' includes but is not limited to half-sister/brother or foster sister/brother.

***Eldest child applies if they are the first child of the family eligible to apply for a primary school. Twins and other multiples births will be regarded as joint-eldest. Verification of eldest child should be a letter on headed paper stating that the child is the eldest eligible child and that the family is known to the verifier. This can be from one of the following sources:**

- a) Principal of Millennium Integrated Primary (if the child attends the nursery school);
- b) Principal or Leader of pre-school that the child may attend at that time;
- c) Family GP / medical practitioner / solicitor / member of the clergy / social worker involved with family.

Please be aware that a charge may be incurred by parents / guardians for this verification information from providers named in b) and c).

- 4 Children who have applied to Millennium Integrated Nursery on or before the closing date but were unable to gain a place due to over-subscription or who had to turn down a place for other extenuating circumstances;
- 5 All other applicants.

In the event of over-subscription in the last criterion which can be applied then selection for all places remaining in this category will be on the basis of initial letter of the surname, as entered on the Birth Certificate, in the order set out below:

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

The order was determined by a randomised selection of letters of the alphabet

In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames will be used. Should there be 2 children with the same forename and surname pupils will be selected by drawing lots.

In accordance with the 1997 Education (NI) Order preference for admission to Millennium Integrated Primary School will be given to pupils resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that any information which is relevant to the criteria is included on the application form or attached to the form.

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 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 Policy

Millennium operates a Waiting List for entry to all classes. A copy of this is available on the school website or directly from the school.

Data Protection

The Board of Governors of an integrated school must use its best endeavours, in exercising its functions under the Education Orders, to ensure that the management, control and ethos of the school are such as are likely to attract to the school reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils. The collection and processing of information regarding the religious/perceived community background of children set out above is necessary in order for the Board of Governors of an integrated school to carry out its statutory functions and fulfil its public task.

Admission to other classes

Parents interested in enrolling their children in classes other than P1 should contact Millennium Integrated Primary School at 028 9081 3688 for further information.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY 1		
Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2021/22	50	50
2022/23	56	56
2023/24	51	51