

FORT HILL INTEGRATED COLLEGE

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Under measures to maintain the COVID security for our school and wider community, our Virtual Open Night experience will be available through our website and social media through January 2021.

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

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to the Principal, the responsibility for applying these criteria, with support from the Senior Executive Officer. Any reference herein to the term the Board of Governors includes any Committee, Sub-Committee or person appointed by the Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the Admissions criteria set out herein.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Pupils have come to us, as an Integrated College, from the following Primary Schools:

Anahilt	Downshire	Largymore	Seymour Hill
Ballycarrickmaddy	Dromore Central	Lisburn Central	St Aloysius
Ballydown	Drumlins	Loanends	St Anne's
Ballinderry	Dunmurry	Lower Ballinderry	St Brides
Ballymacash	Fane Street	McKinney Memorial	St Colman's
Ballymacrickett	Finaghy	Maghaberry	St John the Baptist
Ballymacward	Forge Integrated	Maralin	St Joseph's Crumlin
Ballynahinch	Fort Hill Integrated	Meadowbridge	St Joseph's Lisburn
Brownlee	Friends Prep	Millennium Integrated	St Kevin's
Brookfield	Good Shepherd	Moira	St Kieran's
Cairnshill	Harberton	Oakwood Integrated	St Luke's
Carr	Harmony Hill	Old Warren	St Oliver Plunkett
Carryduff	Holy Child	Orangefield	St Patrick's Magheralin
Cedar Integrated	Holy Evangelist	Our Lady Queen of Peace	Taughmonagh
Christ the Redeemer	Hunterhouse Prep	Pond Park	Tonagh
Cranmore Integrated	Killowen	Riverdale	Wallace Prep
Donegal Road	Knockmore	Rowandale Integrated	

The Board of Governors will seek to reflect, in the total number admitted in the current academic year, a balance amongst all traditions, aiming for 40% from Protestant traditions, 40% from Roman Catholic traditions and 20% from "other". In order to achieve this aim Fort Hill will reserve a maximum of 20% of places for pupils from traditions other than Protestant and Roman Catholic traditions or those stating "no religion", or those stating "mixed marriage"; 40% to those of the Protestant tradition and 40% to those of the Roman Catholic tradition.

The criteria detailed below will be applied initially to members of 'other traditions' in the order set down and a maximum of 20% of available places will be awarded to this group. The remaining places will be divided equally between Protestant and Roman Catholic applicants.

In the event of less than 20% of places being awarded to applicants from 'other traditions' the balance will be divided equally between Protestant and Roman Catholic applicants.

In the event of an odd number of places remaining in the division, an additional place will be allocated to the main tradition which has the greater number of applicants.

The criteria will then be applied separately to Roman Catholic and Protestant applicants. In the event of there being fewer applicants from either tradition than there are places available for that tradition then the balance of places will be allocated to the other tradition.

If there is no indication of religious affiliation noted within the online transfer application, it will be decided by either:

- (a) Information supplied by the applicant's parent/guardian within the online transfer application; or
- (b) Information supplied by the applicant's primary school Principal within the online transfer application; or
- (c) The category of primary school which the pupil attended i.e. controlled or maintained.

Please note further: When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed within the online transfer application. Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admission criteria is stated within the online transfer application, before the closing deadline.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR YEAR 8

In the event that there are more applications than there are places available the following criteria will be applied in the order set down, within each of the 40%, 40% and 20% applications.

- A.** Children transferring from a grant maintained integrated primary school or a controlled integrated primary school as defined in the Education Reform Order (NI) 1989.
- B.** Children who, at the date of their application, reside in the postcode areas BT10, BT11, BT17, BT26, BT27, BT28, BT29 or BT67 and children for whom Fort Hill Integrated College is the nearest Integrated post-primary school.
- C.** Children who, at the date of their application, have a child of the family currently enrolled at the school. (Name/s must be indicated within the online transfer application).
- D.** Children who, at the date of their application, are the eldest child of the family to be eligible to apply for admissions to the school.
- E.** Other applicants.

If following the application of the above criteria in order, there comes a point where there are more pupils who meet a particular criterion than there are places available, then selection will be on the basis of the initial letter of the surname as set out below:-

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

The order was determined by a random selection of the alphabet and will be revised annually.

In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter, the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order.

Where there are two identical surnames, the alphabetical randomised order of the initials of the forenames will be used, and thereafter the subsequent letters of the forename will be used in alphabetical order.

If there are still too many applicants for the last remaining place(s), preference will be based on the chronological order of the pupils' dates of birth (oldest first).

DUTY TO VERIFY

The Board of Governors reserves the right to request such supplementary evidence as it may require to support or verify information within any applicant's online 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 Policy

This policy is available on request from Fort Hill Integrated College.

Parents/guardians, who wish to have their child considered for admission in the event of a place arising after 1st September 2021, should write to the Principal clearly stating this. Acknowledgement will be issued. The above criteria will be applied to these applications only in the event of such a vacancy arising.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications i.e. All preferences	Total Admissions
2018/19	160	250*	171*
2019/20	160	227*	172*
2020/21	160	177*	163*

*Includes children who are statemented

Admission to Years 9 onwards

Within the overall school enrolment pupils will be admitted according to the following criteria applied in the order set down below.

1. Provided the school's enrolment number set by Department of Education is not exceeded;
2. Provided the admissions number for the year group is not exceeded;
3. Provided
 - a. the inclusion of an additional child does not place a class into conflict with DENI Regulations on class sizes;
 - b. there is a vacancy in the class best academically suited to the child.
4. Provided the inclusion of an additional pupil is in line with the balance of religious/ethnic groupings. (40% Protestant, 40% Roman Catholic and 20% Other);
5. Only in very exceptional circumstances will any new students be admitted to Year 12, and only then provided subjects required by the student match those on offer by the college.
6. Should more than one child apply at the same time for the same year group, we would use the following criteria in the order indicated below: -
 - a. Applicants who are transferring from a post-primary integrated school.
 - b. Applicant from a mixed marriage, which we define as a Protestant parent married to a Roman Catholic,
 - c. or a Protestant or Roman Catholic parent married to a person of any other tradition or religion or none.
 - d. Applicants from any minority faith or no religion.
 - e. Applicants who, at the date of the application being received, are part of a family having another child of the family currently enrolled at the school (names must be indicated on the application form).
7. Other applicants as indicated in the transfer criteria in the Transfer information of the same year.