

Grange Park Primary School
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Controlled Primary School

Enrolment No. 402
Admissions No. 57

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OPEN EVENING - 4th December at 6:00pm - please register with school.

OPEN DAY- 9th January at 2:00pm – 3.30pm

Respective Functions of The Board of Governors and 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.

Admissions Criteria

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 7 January 2026 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 21 January 2026 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 21 January 2026 and up to 4 pm on 26 January 2026 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 26 January 2026 no applications will be processed until after the close of procedure on 23 March 2026.

Compulsory School Age

Any child who reaches their 4th Birthday on or before 1st July 2026 is of Compulsory School Age. Under the School Age (NI) Act which became law in Northern Ireland in April 2022, 'compulsory school age' also includes those children who deferred commencing Primary 1 in September 2025 as defined by the new School Age (NI) Act (both groups to be treated equally).

Priority will be given to children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to the school before those who are not so resident.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed on the application or provided directly to the school. Parents/Guardians should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the application or provided directly to the first preference school. Examples of such information include whether the child has brothers/sisters attending the school or is the eldest child in the family.

Year 1 Intake

If the school is over-subscribed pupils will be admitted according to the following criteria applied in order of priority.

1. Children who have a brother or sister* currently enrolled in the school (Please state name and class).
2. Children who are the eldest or only child in the family ** (Applicants must provide evidence on the application).
3. Priority will be given to those children for whom their permanent address is closest to the school. This will be measured using www.freemaptools.com, as the crow flies.

*A brother/sister will be defined as: brother; sister; half-brother; half-sister; stepbrother; stepsister; adopted-brother; adopted-sister; foster-brother; foster-sister.

** The term eldest is defined as 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. This covers only children and treats multiples (e.g. twins) as joint eldest. The term eldest also includes children where an elder child of the family was not eligible to attend Grange Park Primary School due to attending a special school or unit and children where a child is more than 7 years younger than their next eldest sibling

Supplementary Criteria

In the event of the number of applicants exceeding the number of places available at any stage, the following supplementary criterion will be applied: -

Are the oldest according to the date of birth as entered on the Birth Certificate

In the event of children having the same date of birth, they will be selected for admission on the basis of the initial letter(s) of their surname (as recorded on the birth certificate) in the order set out below:

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

This order was determined by random selection. 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 letters of the forenames will be used (as recorded on the birth certificate).

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

Admission to Year 1 after Open Enrolment.

Should a vacancy arise after the issue of placement letters, all Year 1 applications that were initially refused, new applications, late applications and applications where new information has been provided will be treated equally and the published criteria applied. This waiting list will be in place until 31 August 2026.

Your child's name will be automatically added to the list and the school will contact you if your child gains a place by this method.

Please contact the school if you wish your child's name to be removed from the list. If you wish your child's name to stay on the waiting list after 31 August 2026, please contact the school and complete an AP1 form.

Y2-Y7 Intake

Admission to Y2-Y7 classes will be made under the same criteria as Y1 up to a maximum number of 30 pupils in each class.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY 1

Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2023/2024	54	54
2024/2025	48	48
*2025/2026	70	61

****The Total Admissions for year 2025/2026 includes all P1 children admitted to the school including those who have a statement of special educational needs and/or may be attending SPiMS. (SPiMS = Specialist Provision in Mainstream School)***