

MAGHERAFELT PRIMARY SCHOOL**32 Castledawson Road****Magherafelt BT45 6PA****Telephone: 028 7963 2822****Email: info@magherafeltps.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk****Website: www.magherafeltps.ik.org****Principal: Mr G Buckley****Chairperson of the Board of Governors: Rev Jonathan Curry****Controlled Primary School****Enrolment No: 290****Admission No: 41****Details of the respective functions of the Board of Governors and the Principal in relation to admission to the school.**

The Principal will be responsible for the oversight of the school's admission policy, in consultation with the Board of Governors if required.

Admissions criteria to be used in the event of the school being oversubscribed. The criteria are listed in order of priority.

A child seeking admission must be of compulsory school age, i.e. have reached his/her fourth birthday on or before 1st July prior to admission in September.

In the event of the number of such children seeking admission being greater than the Admissions number, priority of admission will be given in the following order:

- a. To a child whose brother or sister attends the school.
- b. To a child whose older sibling* living at the same residence previously attended Magherafelt Primary School (minimum 1 year attendance). Verification will be sought.
- c. To a child who has a parent or grandparent on the teaching, auxiliary or ancillary staff of the school.
- d. To a child who lives nearest to the school as decided by a straight line digital measurement using the postcode address of their normal residence to the postcode address of Magherafelt Primary School. Magherafelt Primary School will use the Northern Ireland portal for Geographical Information (GI) decision making tool, Spatial NI, to determine distances.

*Sibling includes brother/sister/half-brother/half-sister.

In the event of the admissions number not having been reached when the above criteria have been applied then admission will be granted to any other child whose parents wish him/her to attend the school, priority being given to those living nearest to the school.

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

Pupils will be admitted to Year One following the beginning of the school year, in order of application, provided that such admission does not cause the school to exceed either the admission number or the enrolment number. In addition no class will exceed the statutory maximum of 30 pupils.

| Applications and Admissions to Primary 1 | | |
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| Year | Total Applications | Total Admissions |
| 2014/2015 | 49 | 45 |
| 2015/2016 | 33 | 33 |
| 2016/2017 | 33 | 33 |