

Newtownhamilton High School

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Controlled Secondary

Age Range 11 - 16+

Admissions Number: 35

Enrolment Number: 175

There will be no 2021 Open Evening due to COVID-19.

Prospective parents/guardians are welcome to contact Principal Mr Megaw to discuss any aspect of the school and/or the post-primary transfer process.

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. The Principal, on behalf of the Board of Governors, will apply the criteria in the order indicated to select pupils for admission.

ADMISSIONS

The lodging of an application is interpreted by the Board of Governors as an indication that the parents and the child concerned accept and are in agreement with the ethos, philosophy, aims, policies and regulations of the school including the Code of Conduct and Positive Behaviour Policy. Information in relation to these may be obtained from 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 the Transfer Application. Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the Transfer Application or attached to it. An example of such information, in the case of Newtownhamilton High School, might be if a child of the family had previously enrolled at the school. This type of information must be clearly stated on the Transfer Application.

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR YEAR 8

(either in September 2021 or during the course of the 2021/2022 school year)

In selecting children for admission, it is a legal requirement that those who reside in Northern Ireland are given preference over those not so resident.

Criteria will be applied in the following order:

1. Applicants for whom Newtownhamilton High School is 1st preference.
2. Applicants who have or had a child of the family enrolled at the school.
3. Applicants from the following list of contributory primary schools (all to be treated equally):
Bessbrook, Cortamlet, Drumhillery, Kingsmills, Lisnadill, Mountnorris & Newtownhamilton
4. Applicants who are the oldest children transferring or whose older siblings were refused admission due to over-subscription.
5. Applicants who have Special Circumstances (medical, social or security).
6. Applicants who have had a parent enrolled or have a parent who is a current permanent employee of Newtownhamilton High School.
7. Those who live closest to the school (as the crow flies - calculated using the Measure Distances website www.doogal.co.uk).

If when a criterion is applied there are fewer places available than the number of applicants who meet the criterion, the remaining criteria will be applied in the indicated order to the children who meet the over-subscribed criterion.

Note 1: The term "child of the family" covers children fostered, adopted etc. and avoids having to define all the various permutations of sibling.

Note 2: Details of Special Circumstances must be recorded on or attached to the Transfer Application. Documentary evidence supporting the Special Circumstances must be provided by a statutory body.

Waiting List

Details of the school’s procedures for operating a waiting list can be obtained upon request from the school office.

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 Transfer Application. The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by post-primary schools can result in the withdrawal of a place and the inability to offer a place on the part of any school nominated on the applicant’s Transfer Application.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications All Preferences	Total Admissions
2018/19	35	52	42*
2019/20	35	39	40*
2020/21	35	37	41*

**Includes pupils with SEN statements and also those who were admitted following a temporary variation and/or appeal.*

TRANSFER BETWEEN SCHOOLS FOR YEARS 9 – 12

The Board of Governors will apply the criteria. The lodging of an application is interpreted by the Board of Governors as an indication that the parents and the child concerned accept and are in agreement with the ethos, philosophy, aims, policies and regulations of the school including the Code of Conduct and Positive Behaviour Policy. Information in relation to these may be obtained from the school.

If the school is over-subscribed, pupils will be considered for transfer:

1. Whose siblings are past or present pupils.
2. From traditional contributory primary schools.
3. Who have Special Circumstances e.g. medical, social or security.
4. Whose parents were enrolled in the school.
5. Those who live closest to the school (as the crow flies - calculated using the Measure Distances website www.doogal.co.uk).

A pupil will be accepted from another post-primary school provided that the enrolment would not prejudice the efficient use of resources in the school.