

**CULLYBACKEY COLLEGE**

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**Controlled Secondary School**

**Age Range of Pupils:** 11-18 years

**Admissions Number:** 130

**Enrolment Number:** 700

The school will be open for visits by parents and pupils:-		
Day	Date	Time
Monday	15 January 2024	7.30 pm
Tuesday	16 January 2024	7.30 pm

**ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO YEAR 8**

**Respective functions of the Board of Governors and Principal in relation to Admissions to the school**

The Board of Governors formulate, apply and review the Admission Criteria while the Principal administers the criteria.

In accordance with the Department of Education Regulations, should the college be oversubscribed, the Board of Governors will consider the acceptance of pupils in keeping with the following:-

- 1 Pupils who attend the following primary schools:- Ballykeel, Ballymena, Braidside Integrated, Broughshane, Buick Memorial, Camphill, Carnaghts, Carniny, Clough, Cloughmills, Drumard, Dunclug, Duneane, Fourtowns, Garryduff, Gracehill, Groggan, Harryville, Hazelbank, Kilrea, Kirkinriola, Knockahollet, Longstone, Maine Integrated, Moorfields, Portglenone, Randalstown Central, Rasharkin, St Paul’s, The Diamond.

Should the college be oversubscribed at this point then preference will be given in order to pupils:

- i) who have a brother or sister, stepbrother/stepmother currently enrolled at Cullybackey College.
  - ii) who are the eldest/only child in their family.
  - iii) who have had a brother or sister, step brother or step sister previously enrolled at Cullybackey College in the past 10 years.
  - iv) for whom Cullybackey College is the nearest non-grammar school.
- 2 Criteria (i)-(iv) will next be applied in order to pupils who attend other primary schools.

In the event of a tie, places will be allocated by date of birth, starting with the youngest until all places have been allocated.

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that all the relevant information is submitted to the college, particularly in relation to criteria (i), (ii) and (iii).

**Applicants should note that they may be required to produce documents to verify information pertinent to the College’s admission criteria. Original documents will be required - photocopies will not be accepted.**

**The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide verifying documents by the required deadline may result in either the withdrawal of a place or the inability of the College to offer a place.**

During the admissions procedure, when applying the criteria, punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 30 January 2024 at 12 noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 22 February 2024 at 12 noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12 noon (GMT) on 22 February 2024 and up to 4pm on 4 March 2024 will be treated as a late application.

**Admissions after 1 September 2024.**

Should a place become available the above criteria will be applied to written applications.

**Number of Applications and Admissions**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Admissions No.</b>	<b>Total Applications All Preferences</b>	<b>Total Admissions</b>
2021-22	130	103	102
2022-23	130	125	115
2023-24	130	119	113

This table does not include children who were admitted to the college with a statement of special educational need.

**Criteria for admission to Years 9 – 14:** Please contact the school for further information

The Education Authority advises you to include wording re. Punctual and Late applications even if it is to the effect that punctual and late applications will be treated equally.