

Loughries Integrated Primary School
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Controlled Integrated Primary School

Enrolment No: 102

Admissions No. 15

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The school Open Afternoon, Lapland at Loughries, will be held on **Friday 8th December between 2:30pm and 4:30pm**. Please email jthompson672@c2kni.net if you would like to attend with your child.

Loughries is a small integrated primary school set in an idyllic rural location where children are taught in a nurturing environment which encourages, supports, develops and challenges each child to be life-long learners. We endeavour to equip our pupils with the skills and qualities to work together for a shared future. **During December and January the Principal will give prospective parents the opportunity to visit the school and see us in action. Please contact the school by emailing the Principal: jthompson672@c2kni.net to book an individual tour.**

Our school Prospectus can be found on our school website: <https://www.loughriesips.com/our-school/prospectus/>

Our School website <https://www.loughriesips.com/> and Facebook page provide a great insight into the experiences of the children at Loughries.

As an integrated school we provide a learning environment where children and young people from Catholic and Protestant backgrounds, as well as those of other faiths and none, can learn with, from and about each other. The promotion of equality and good relations extends to everyone in the school and to their families regardless of their religious, cultural or social background. Integrated education is value driven and child centred. It is delivered through a holistic approach with an emphasis on developing every aspect of a child's or young person's potential. Parents can find out more about the integrated ethos of the school in the 'Statement of Principles' for Integrated Education, which is available on our school website: <https://www.loughriesips.com/our-school/integration/>

Respective Functions of the Board of Governors

The Board of Governors draws up the Admissions Criteria with the Principal, and the Board of Governors are responsible for applying these criteria.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only consider 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.

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.

Priority will be given to children who will have attained compulsory school age at the time of their proposed admission, including those children whose parents deferred their admission to primary school in September 2023 as defined by the new School Age (NI) Act (both groups to be treated equally).

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 9 January 2024 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 26 January 2024 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 26 January 2024 and up to 4 pm

on 31 January 2024 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 31 January 2024 no applications will be processed until after the close of procedure on 25 April 2024.

The religious affiliation/community background (Protestant, Catholic or Other/None) of a pupil will be determined by one of the following methods:

- a) For parents/guardians applying for a place via the Education Authority's **online application** you will be prompted to and must select your child's religious affiliation when completing the form;
or
- b) A Pre-Enrolment Form can be obtained from our school website or school office if required or you can provide alternative written confirmation to our school. Your Pre-Enrolment Form/written confirmation of religion must be sent directly to our school by 4 pm 31 January 2024, or
or
- c) If the parents/guardian(s) do not supply this required information, then the applicant will be deemed as being from the tradition with the greatest number of applicants.

In applying the Admissions Criteria, the Board of Governors will strive to ensure a balance of 40% Catholic, 40% Protestant and 20% other world religions and children of no religious affiliation throughout the school. In the event of admissions being over-subscribed, the following criteria will be applied in the order listed below. Should any category be undersubscribed, then available places will be allocated to the unsuccessful applicants from oversubscribed categories applying the criteria set down regardless of faith.

Year 1 Intake

Priority will be given to: -

1. Children who, at the date of application, have a child of the family* currently enrolled at the school.
2. Children for whom Loughries Integrated Primary School is the closest primary school to their permanent address. This will be measured by Google Maps based on radial distance from their home address to the front gate of Loughries Integrated Primary School.
3. Child Looked After.**
4. Other children.

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In the event of over-subscription in any of the criteria 1-4 above, the following sub-criterion will be applied:

Using Google Maps 'children who live closest to the school, as measured on the basis of radial distance from their home to the school's front entrance gate, will be given priority'. Where 2 or more children live equidistant from the school, final selection will be made for admission on the basis of initial letter(s) of their surname as entered on their birth certificate in the order set out below:

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

(This order was determined by a randomised selection of letters of the alphabet.)

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 initials of the forenames will be used.

The Governors do not consider children below Compulsory School Age for admission.

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1. This criterion to be defined as ‘Children who, at the date of their application, have a child of the family currently enrolled at the school’.
2. The Department considers that “child of the family” covers
 - a child born to a married couple or to a couple in a civil partnership;
 - a child born to a co-habiting couple;
 - a child born to a single parent;
 - a child of either/any of those people by a previous marriage, civil partnership or relationship;
 - a child living with a couple who has been treated as a “child of the family” whether there is a marriage or a civil partnership or not;
 - a child living with an individual, who has been treated as a “child of the family”;
 - an adopted or fostered child;
 - a situation where for example an orphaned cousin is being brought up with a family or individual;
3. The child should be a child of the family as at the date of application.

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Child Looked After is defined by the Children (NI) Order 1995 as children ‘who are in the care of a Trust or who are provided with accommodation by a Trust’.

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

The school does not operate a waiting list. After the Open Enrolment procedure has concluded, all applications will be considered on receipt and, if necessary, the above criteria will be applied.

Y2-Y7 Intake

The same criteria as for Y1.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY 1		
Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2021/2022	11	11
2022/2023	10	10
2023/2024	9	9