

## Admissions Criteria for entry September 2023

### **BALLYCLARE SECONDARY SCHOOL**

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**Principal:** Mrs K O Bell BA(Hons) Adv Cert Ed PQH

**Acting Principal:** Mrs W Shingleton

**Chairman of the Board of Governors:** Rev. Dr.E T Kirkland DA (H) Dip.Th

**Controlled Secondary School**

**Age Range of Pupils:** 11-19

**Admission Number:** 180

**Enrolment Number:** 960

**Open Day: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 2.00 - 5.30pm**

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

The Board of Governors formulate and review the Admission Criteria and delegates to an Admissions Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal, the responsibility for applying these criteria.

### **ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO YEAR 8**

**In the event of over-subscription**, the following criteria will be applied in the order set down in determining those children to be admitted to Year 8:-

1. Children whose parent/guardian has indicated a first or second preference for Ballyclare Secondary School.
2. Children for whom Ballyclare Secondary School is the nearest controlled secondary school to their parental home. (Note: A straight line on an Ordnance Survey Map will measure the distance from the child's parental home to the front entrance gate of the school i.e. distance will be measured 'as the crow flies').
3. Children who have a brother or sister enrolled at the school as at 1st January 2023.
4. Children who are the eldest or only child in the family.
5. Children whose parental home address is the closest to the front entrance gate of Ballyclare Secondary School. Distance will be measured as in criterion 2 above.

Applicants should be aware that Article 16 of the 1997 Education Order requires that the Board of Governors will provide for children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to Ballyclare Secondary School to be selected for admission to the school before any child not so resident may be selected for admission.

### **Duty to Verify**

**Applicants should note that they may be required to produce documents verifying their address or information pertinent to the school's admission criteria. 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 online 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 online application form or attached to it.**

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*The school's policy on the consideration of applications after the Transfer Procedure concludes towards the end of August 2023 is available directly from the school, or can be accessed on our school website [www.ballyclaresecondary.co.uk](http://www.ballyclaresecondary.co.uk) and parents should note that should a vacancy arise, the above criteria will be applied to select pupils from our waiting list.*

### Year 8 Applications and Admissions

Year	Admissions No.	Total Applications All Preferences	Total Admissions
2018/19	180	264	180
2019/20	180	274	186
2020/21	180	226	180
2021/22	180	230	180
2022/23	180	185	180

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

#### Criteria for admission to Years 9 to 12

**When considering the offer of a place the Board of Governors must be satisfied that an offer of a place would be in the best interest of the pupil and the school.**

1. Children whose parent/guardian has indicated a preference for Ballyclare Secondary School.
2. Children for whom Ballyclare Secondary School is the nearest controlled secondary school to their parental home. (Note: A straight line on an Ordnance Survey Map will measure the distance from the child's parental home to the front entrance gate of the school i.e. distance will be measured 'as the crow flies').
3. Children who have a brother or sister currently enrolled at the school.
4. Children who are the eldest or only child in the family.
5. Children whose parental home address is the closest to the front entrance gate of Ballyclare Secondary School. Distance will be measured as in criterion 2 above.