

**St Brigid's Primary School**  
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**Maintained Primary School**

**Enrolment Number: 245**  
**Admissions Number: 35**

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**PRINCIPAL: Mrs P McMaster**  
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St Brigid's Primary School, Tirkane/Bunscoil Naomh Bríd is currently the only primary school in the North Eastern Region with an Irish Medium Unit. The school is under a single management structure with one Board of Governors and one Principal. Admissions information in relation to the Irish Medium Unit can be found on the next two pages.

Admissions Number: **35** (of which **22** places are in the Irish Medium Unit)  
Enrolment Number: **245** (of which **154** places are in the Irish Medium Unit)

Where the school has a greater number of applicants than places available in either sector, it will apply its admissions criteria as set out below to decide which applicants to admit up to the quota stated.

**Details of the respective functions of the Board of Governors and the Principal in relation to admission to the school.**

The Board of Governors has empowered the Admissions Sub-committee to select pupils for admission, in addition to speaking with potential pupils and/or parents/guardians to assist the members in making decisions regarding admissions. The Admissions Sub-committee and the Principal will apply the admissions criteria. The Sub-committee is made up of the Principal and three other Governors.

Only children of compulsory school age will be admitted. Priority will be given in the application of each criterion to children regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of supporting evidence from parents/guardians and/or Statutory agencies, as having special circumstances, (i.e. medical, social, security) which would make it desirable that the applicant attends this school rather than another school.

**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 7 January 2021 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 29 January 2021 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 29 January 2021 will be treated as a late application.

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

The following criteria will be applied in the **order set down** by the Board of Governors of St Brigid's Primary School, Tirkane in selecting children for admission to Primary 1 in September 2021:

1. Children who reside in the historical catchment area of the school, which encompasses both the parishes of Maghera and Granaghan.
2. Children who have a brother/sister (including half, step or foster brother/sister) currently enrolled in the school.
3. Oldest child in the family (or second oldest where the oldest attends a special school).
4. Children whose parent/guardian, brother/sister (including half, step or foster brother/sister) are former pupils of the school.
5. Children whose parent/guardian is a member of the full-time or part-time staff of the school.
6. Children will be admitted in chronological order (eldest first).

## Admissions criteria for entry September 2021

In the event of two children having the same date of birth the remaining place will be awarded on the basis of initial letter of the first forename as recorded on the child's birth certificate:

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

(This order is determined by a randomised selection of letters)

### DUTY TO VERIFY

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. Parents should therefore ensure that **all** information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the application or attached to it.

A copy of your child's birth certificate and all other documentation submitted in support of your application should be **uploaded as part of your application**.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information on any application form.

The Board of Governors therefore require parents to provide a copy of two original documents:

- **A letter from the Child Benefit office which clearly identifies the current address of the child at the time of application or another letter relating to this benefit**  
**and**
- **either a Utility Bill (electricity, gas, television licence, telephone) or rental agreement or Land and Property Services Rates demand or a financial statement from a bank or building society**

If the requested evidence is not provided to the Board of Governors as part of the application, this may 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 waiting list policy for P1 (EM) and R1 (IMU) can be accessed from the school office.

### ADMISSION TO YEAR 2 – YEAR 7

- The above criteria will also be used for applications for Year 2- Year 7
- Whilst oversubscribed, requests for places in Year 2- Year 7 will only be considered if a vacancy arises in the appropriate year group or a relevant class and further enrolment is not prejudicial to the efficient use of resources.

Applications and Admissions to Primary 1		
Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2018/2019	32	32
2019/2020	38	38
2020/2021	41	41

**BUNSCOIL NAOMH BRÍD**

**Tir Chiana**

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## **ADMISSIONS CRITERIA – YEAR 1**

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The Board of Governors of St Brigid's Primary School, Tirkane has determined that the following criteria shall be applied successively to the Irish Medium Unit, in the order set down below, in the event of the number of children applying for places in Year 1 being greater than the admissions number.

1. Children of compulsory school age residing in the parishes of Maghera and Granaghan.
2. Children who have a brother/sister (including half, step or foster brother/sister) already attending Bunscoil Naomh Bríd.
3. Oldest child in the family (or second oldest where the oldest attends a special school).
4. Children whose older brother/sister (including half, step or foster brother/sister) previously attended the school.
5. Children whose parent/guardian is a member of the full-time or part-time staff of the school.
6. Other children of compulsory school age on the basis of the order of dates of birth (eldest first).

In the event of two children having the same date of birth the remaining place will be awarded on the basis of initial letter of first forename as recorded on child's birth certificate.

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**CRITÉIR IONTRÁLA – BLIAIN 1**

I rith an nós imeachta iontrála, nuair a chuirfear na critéir i bhfeidhm, measfar na foirmeacha iarratais poncúla sula measfar na foirmeacha iarratais atá mall. Oslóidh an nós imeachta iarratais ar 7 Eanáir 2021 ar 12 nóin (GMT) agus pléifear le foirmeacha iarratais curtha isteach faoin dáta deiridh de 29 Eanáir 2021 ar 12 nóin (GMT) mar fhoirmeacha iarratais poncúla. Pléifear le foirmeacha iarratais a gheobhfar i ndiaidh 12 nóin (GMT) ar 29 Eanáir 2021 mar fhoirmeacha iarratais atá mall.

Tá sé déanta amach ag Bord Gobharnóirí Bhunscoil Naomh Bríd, Tír Chiana, go gcuirfear na critéir seo a leanas i bhfeidhm i ndiaidh a chéile don Aonad Lán-Ghaeilge, san ord atá leagtha amach thíos, sa chás go mbeadh an líon páistí atá ag iarraidh áiteanna i mBliain 1 níos mó ná an líon iontrálacha.

1. Páistí in aois éigeantach scoile atá ina gcónaí i bparóistí Mhachaire Rátha agus Ghreanacháin.
2. Páistí a bhfuil deartháir/deirfiúr (ar a n-áirítear leathdheartháir/leathdheirfiúr, leasdeartháir/leasdeirfiúr nó deartháir/deirfiúr altrama) leo ag freastal ar Bhunscoil Naomh Bríd cheana féin.
3. An páiste is sine sa teaghlach (nó an dara páiste is sine má tá an páiste is sine ag freastal ar scoil speisialta)
4. Páistí ar fhreastail deartháir/deirfiúr (ar a n-áirítear leathdheartháir/leathdheirfiúr, leasdeartháir/leasdeirfiúr nó deartháir/deirfiúr altrama) níos sine leo ar an scoil san am a chuaigh thart.
5. Páistí a bhfuil tuismitheoir/caomhnóir leo ar fhoireann lánaimseartha nó pháirtaimseartha na scoile.
6. Glacfar páistí isteach in ord croineolaíoch (an páiste is sine ar dtús).

Sa chás go mbeadh an dáta bréithe céanna ag beirt pháiste bronnfar an áit a bhfuil fágtha ar bhonn túsleitir an chéad ainm baiste mar atá cláraithe ar theastas bréithe an pháiste.

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(Is trí roghnú randamach litreacha a socraíodh an t-ord seo)