

ASHFIELD BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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Controlled School

Boys' High

Age Range : 11 - 18

Admission No: 140

Enrolment No: 855

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 22 January 2026 6.45pm – 9.00pm (Principal's address 7.00 pm in Assembly Hall)

RESPECTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND PRINCIPAL IN RELATION TO ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL

The Board of Governors delegate to the Principal, or his nominee, those functions relating to the admission of pupils.

ADMISSION POLICY

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS TO YEAR 8 IN SEPTEMBER 2026

The Board of Governors expects that all applicants for admission to Ashfield Boys' High School will support the ethos of the school as outlined in the Prospectus and that an application will indicate that parents agree to this precondition for entry.

Admissions Criteria 2026

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 27 January 2026 at 12 noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 19 February 2026 at 12 noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 19 February 2026 and up to 24 February 2025 at 4pm will be treated as a late application.

Criteria will be applied in the following order:

1. A boy who, at the time of application, attends one of the following Primary Schools:

- Braniel Primary School
- Brooklands Primary School
- Cairnshill Primary School
- Campbell Junior School
- Cregagh Primary School
- Dundonald Primary School
- Elmgrove Primary School
- Euston Street Primary School
- Forge Integrated Primary School
- Gilnahirk Primary School
- Harding Memorial Primary School
- Hollywood Primary School
- Knockbreda Primary School
- Knocknagoney Primary School
- Leadhill Primary School
- Lisnasharragh Primary School
- Loughview Integrated Primary School
- Nettlefield Primary School
- Orangefield Primary School
- Rosetta Primary School
- St Joseph's Primary School (Ballyhackamore)
- Strandtown Primary School
- Victoria Park Primary School

(please note schools are listed in alphabetical order and not preference)

2. A boy whose parent / guardian has indicated a first preference for Ashfield Boys' High School.
3. A boy whose parent / guardian has indicated a second preference for Ashfield Boys' High School.
4. A boy whose brother / half-brother **attends** Ashfield Boys' High School.
5. A Boy whose brother / half-brother **attended** Ashfield Boys' High School.
6. A pupil who is the first boy in the family to transfer to a non-grammar secondary school. *(Parents / Carers of pupils who gain a place at this stage of the criteria will be asked to provide supporting evidence at the application stage. This can be a letter from either a Primary School Principal, Solicitor or Medical Professional).*
7. A boy whose sister / half-sister attends Ashfield Girls' High School.
8. In the event of over-subscription after the application of criteria 1-7, then the final places will be selected on the basis of who lives closest to the school. This will be determined by measuring from the boy's house to the main entrance of the school (Holywood Road). The measurement will be calculated by using the 'Ordinance Survey Digital Distance and Area Measurement Tool (Map Console)'.

Please note

- Half-brothers / half – sisters will qualify for admission if they reside at the same address as the older sibling who attends or has attended either Ashfield Boys' or Ashfield Girls' respectively.
- Priority will be given to children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of application.
- 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 ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the Transfer Application.

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.

Waiting List Policy

Should a vacancy arise after 9 May 2026 all applications for admission to Year 8 that were initially refused, new applications and applications where new information has been provided will be treated equally and the published criteria applied. This waiting list will be in place until 30 June 2027. The school will contact you in writing if your child gains a place in the school by this method.

Your child's name will be automatically added to the waiting list. Please contact the school if you wish for your child's name to be removed from the list.

Applications and Admissions

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications <i>ie. All preferences</i>	Total Admissions
2023/24	140	178	143*
2024/25	140	140	140
2025/26**	140	140	157

*includes Temporary Variation to admission number granted by DE

**The Total Admissions for year 2025/2026 includes all Year 8 children admitted to the school including those who have a statement of special educational needs and/or may be attending SPiMS. (SPiMS = Specialist Provision in Mainstream School).

Criteria for entry into Year 9 and onwards

1. A boy who attended one of the following Primary Schools:

- Braniel Primary School
- Brooklands Primary School
- Cairnshill Primary School
- Campbell Junior School
- Cregagh Primary School
- Dundonald Primary School
- Elmgrove Primary School
- Euston Street Primary School
- Forge Integrated Primary School
- Gilnahirk Primary School
- Harding Memorial Primary School
- Holywood Primary School
- Knockbreda Primary School
- Knocknagoney Primary School
- Leadhill Primary School
- Lisnasharragh Primary School
- Loughview Integrated Primary School
- Nettlefield Primary School
- Orangefield Primary School
- Rosetta Primary School
- St Joseph's Primary School (Ballyhackamore)
- Strandtown Primary School
- Victoria Park Primary School

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2. A boy whose parent / guardian indicated a preference for Ashfield Boys' High School during the transfer procedure.
3. A boy whose brother / half-brother attends or has attended Ashfield Boys' High School.
4. A pupil who is the first boy in the family to transfer to a non-grammar secondary school. *(Parents / Carers of pupils who gain a place at this stage of the criteria will be asked to provide supporting evidence. This can be a letter from either a Primary School Principal, Solicitor or Medical Professional).*
5. A boy whose sister / half-sister attends Ashfield Girls' High School.
6. A boy who lives closest to the school. This will be determined by measuring from the boy's house to the main entrance of the school (Holywood Road). The measurement will be calculated by using the 'Ordnance Survey Digital Distance and Area Measurement Tool (Map Console).