

CASTLEDERG HIGH SCHOOL

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Controlled Secondary School

Boys and Girls

Age Range: 11 – 18

Admissions No: 90

Enrolment No: 450

Roll: 505

Open Evening

An Open Evening will be held on Thursday 15th January

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

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to an Admissions Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal, the responsibility for applying these criteria. Any reference herein to the term the Board of Governors includes any Committee or Sub-Committee appointed by the Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the Admissions Criteria set out herein.

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 12 noon (GMT) on 19 February 2026 and up to 4pm on 24 February 2026 will be treated as a late application.

If the school is over-subscribed, then pupils will be admitted up to the admissions number according to the following criteria applied in the order set down. Children normally resident in Northern Ireland at the time of the proposed admission will be selected before children not resident in Northern Ireland. ***Applicants should note that they may be required to produce documents verifying their address or the age of the child concerned.***

- 1 Pupils who are transferring from the school's traditional contributory primary schools, ie Ardstraw Jubilee, Edwards, Gortin, Irvinestown, Kesh, Killen, Lack, Langfield, Newtownstewart Model, Sion Mills, Strabane.
- 2 Pupils with special medical, social or other circumstances. The Board of Governors will determine the merits of individual cases which must be supported by written evidence;
- 3 Pupils who have an older brother(s)/half-brother(s), sister(s)/half-sister(s), legally adopted sibling(s) or other child of the family enrolled at the school on the date of transfer;
- 4 Pupils whose brother(s)/half-brother(s), sister(s)/half-sister(s), attended the school;
- 5 Pupils who are first in their family to attend the school;
- 6 Other pupils.

If there are more pupils satisfying the last criterion then selection for the available places will be based on the closeness of the pupil's home from the school as measured by the shortest walking distance by road (worked out by google maps).

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

If the parents/guardians of a pupil wish to make a claim for a place in the school based on special medical, social or other reasons then these will be considered by the Board of Governors together with any supporting information submitted by the parents/guardians and in light of the Admissions Criteria, the Board of Governors will decide whether the child should be admitted.

The same criteria are applied to those seeking admission to Year 8 – after the beginning of the school year.

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 applicant's Transfer 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.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS

Year	Admissions No.	Total Applications All Preferences	Total Admissions
2022/23	90	76	76*
2023/24	90	97	97*
2024/25	90	79	79*

*Includes pupils with full SEN

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR ENTRY TO YEARS 9 – 12

Admissions criteria for entry to Years 9-12 is available upon request from the school office.