

ST. ANDREW'S NATIONAL SCHOOL, MALAHIDE

SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY

1. All applications for places in the school shall be submitted on the approved application form to the school Principal.
2. Only such forms that have been completed in full shall be considered by the Board of Management.
3. Completion of such a form does not guarantee a place at the school.
4. Early completion of the form is not a factor in the allocation of places at the school.
5. All applicants for Junior Infants must have attained their 4th Birthday by the 1st September in the school year in which they are enrolled in the school.
6. The Board of Management meets in April each year to consider all applications for September.
7. The Board of Management will, in the light of section 6(e), 9(m) and 15(2)d of the *Education Act 1998*, give consideration to the following factors:
 - (i) the number of available spaces in the school, which in turn involves:
 - (ii) the number of pupils expected to leave the school
 - (iii) the size of the smallest classroom in the school
 - (iv) the effect of the intake on the division/pairing of classes
 - (v) the deployment of teachers
 - (vi) the resources of the school
 - (vii) the religious denomination of the applicant's child
 - (viii) the gender balance of pupils

- (ix) the catchment area of the school as defined in section 13 below.
 - (x) whether an applicant is a sibling of another pupil attending the school.
8. Siblings of pupils already attending the school are normally entitled to a place.
9. Applications, except in the case of a change of residence, are not generally entertained in the course of the school year.
10. Students who wish to transfer from another school in the locality, are not generally allocated places at the school unless there are special circumstances.
11. In relation to religious denomination, the following priority is followed:
- (a) Church of Ireland parishioners of the United Parishes of Malahide, Portmarnock and St. Doulagh's
 - (a) Accustomed members of the United Parishes of Malahide, Portmarnock and St. Doulagh's as defined in Chapter 3 of *the Constitution of the Church of Ireland*
 - (b) Members of the Presbyterian Church, Malahide.
 - (c) Children of inter-church marriages involving one parent who is a member of the Church of Ireland and who fulfils the qualifications in sections (a) or (b) above.
 - (d) Children who are members of minority Christian Churches.
 - (e) And others
12. In relation to residence, in sections a, c – f above, the following guidelines are followed:
- the boundaries of the Church of Ireland United Parishes of Malahide, Portmarnock and St. Doulagh's except where St. Andrew's is the nearest school by road under Protestant management.