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**Maintained Secondary
Girls**

Age Range: 11-18

Admission Number: 100

Enrolment Number: 580

Online Video and Prospectus (Available 13th January 2022)

Parents/Guardians of pupils in the transfer age group are invited to view the Video and read the Prospectus

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

The Board of Governors draws up the admission criteria. In the event of oversubscription, the Governors have delegated application of the criteria to the Admissions Subcommittee, composed of the Chairperson (or his/her nominee) the Principal (or her nominee) and another Governor.

ADMISSION CRITERIA: Admission to Year 8 September 2022 - June 2023

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down by the Board of Governors, St Mary's High School, Newry, in selecting pupils for Year 8 entry. The criteria will be applied first to children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of proposed admission and then to children not so resident.

Within each criterion priority will be given to pupils regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of supporting evidence by parents or statutory agencies, as having Special Circumstances (medical, social, and security factors). However, the school cannot cause or permit the number of registered pupils in Year 8 to exceed the school's admissions number as determined by the Department of Education.

It will be assumed that any parents/guardians who wish their daughters to attend the school are in agreement with the ethos, philosophy, aims, policies, rules and regulations of the school.

CRITERIA

1. Pupils who normally reside, at the date of their application, in the following parishes, Donaghmore, Drumgath, Middle Killeavy, Newry, Saval, Upper Killeavy, not listed in any order of preference.
2. Pupils from other parishes, who attend Primary Schools in the above named parishes.
3. Pupils from other parishes who have or had sisters or half-sisters enrolled in the school.
4. Pupils whose Transfer Application expresses a first preference for St Mary's.
5. Pupils whose parent/guardian is presently a permanent member of the school teaching/ancillary/auxiliary staff.
6. Pupils from other parishes.

NOTE:

In the event of over-subscription in any one of the criteria, taken in order, pupils will be selected on the basis of (1) Special Circumstances (2) proximity from the home to the school as measured by the shortest walking distance. Priority will be given to those living nearest to the school.

In the event of a tie due to distance being equal and identical surnames, the alphabetical order of the initials of the forename will be used.

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 TO YEAR 8

| Year | Admissions No | Total Applications All Preferences | Total Admissions |
|---------|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 2019/20 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 2020/21 | 100 | 98 | 98 |
| 2021/22 | 100 | 94 | 85 |

ADMISSION CRITERIA: Admission to Years 9-12 September 2022 - June 2023

The following criteria will be applied in the order set down by the Board of Governors, St Mary's High School, Newry for accepting pupils transferring from another school. The criteria will be applied first to children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of proposed admission and then to children not so resident.

Within each criterion priority will be given to pupils regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of supporting evidence by parents or statutory agencies, as having Special Circumstances (medical, social, and security factors). However, the school cannot cause or permit the number of registered pupils in Years 9 – 12 to exceed the school's enrolment number as determined by the Department of Education.

It will be assumed that any parents/guardians who wish their daughters to attend the school are in agreement with the ethos, philosophy, aims, policies and regulations of the school.

CRITERIA

1. Their admission would not cause the school to exceed its enrolment number as determined by the Department of Education.
2. Pupils who move into the locality to live and for whom this is the nearest secondary school.
3. Children who have a sister, half-sister presently enrolled in the school.
4. Pupils resident in Northern Ireland at the time of proposed admission.

The Board of Governors, in the light of all available information, will consider the needs of the particular pupil seeking entry to the school and decide whether it is in the pupil's best interest to transfer.

In the event of oversubscription in any one of the criteria, taken in order, pupils will be selected on the basis (1) Special Circumstances (see Year 8) (2) proximity from the home to the school as measured by the shortest walking distance. Priority will be given to those living nearest the school.

ADMISSION CRITERIA: Admission to Years 13-14 September 2022 - June 2023

Students must be able to demonstrate their ability and commitment to pursuing their studies to Post 16. To be eligible for admission into Year 13 an applicant must have achieved 5 GCSEs at Grades A* - C including Mathematics and/or English. They must also have had an excellent attendance and behaviour record.

If there are more pupils eligible than there are places available, places shall be awarded in the following order:

1. Applicants with the highest GCSE score – an applicant's GCSE score being calculated on the basis of GCSE results as follows:
A* = 6 points A = 5 points B = 4 points C = 3 points D = 2 points E = 1 point
2. In the event of a tie, priority shall be established by computerised random selection.

Additionally, students who wish to study subjects at Post 16 will be required to have achieved Grades A* - B in these subjects at GCSE in particular Religious Education, English, Geography, Science and Mathematics. Those wishing to study Sociology must have achieved at Grades A* - B in English Language.

NOTE:

The lodging of an application is interpreted by the Board of Governors as an indication that the parents and the child concerned accept and is in agreement with the ethos, aims, policies and regulations of the school including the code of conduct and discipline policy of St Mary's High School. Information in relation to these may be obtained from the school.