

**Donemana Primary School**  
**31 Longland Road**  
**Donemana**  
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**Controlled**  
**Co-Educational**  
**Age Range 4-11**  
**Roll: 97**

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**Acting Chairperson: Mr Simon Mowbray**

**Admissions No: 23**

**Enrolment No: 162**

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### **ADMISSIONS CRITERIA – YEAR 1**

The Board of Governors of Donemana Controlled Primary School has determined that the following criteria shall be applied, in the event of pupils applying for places in Year 1 being greater than the admissions number, in the order set down below. Priority will be given in the application of each criterion to children of compulsory school age regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of written or other evidence supplied by the parents and statutory or other agencies, as having special circumstances, (ie medical, social or security reasons). Priority shall be given to children resident in Northern Ireland.

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 form. Parents/guardians should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the application form or attached to it. Examples of such information include whether the child has brothers or sisters, half-brothers or half-sisters presently enrolled at the school and whether the child is transferring from Woodlands Pre-School Centre.

- 1 Children of compulsory school age who have brothers/sisters, (half-brothers/sisters, foster brothers/sisters), presently enrolled at the school.
- 2 Children of compulsory school age transferring from Woodlands Pre-School Centre.
- 3 Children of compulsory school age living in the locality of the school – selection will be made on the basis of distance from the school address to the pupil's home address according to the digital mapping tool – Google Maps.
- 4 Other children of compulsory school age.

In the event of over-subscription in the last criterion which can be applied then selection for all places remaining in this category will be on the basis of the initial letter of the surname as per the birth certificate, in the order set out below, this having been determined by a randomised selection:-

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

The order was determined by randomised selection of letters of the alphabet. In the event of surnames beginning with the same letter the subsequent letters of the surnames will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames as per the birth certificate will be used.

## RECEPTION ADMISSION CRITERIA

The Board of Governors of Donemana Primary School will accept applications for Reception places only in the event of no other pre-school provision being available in the village. In this case the criteria stated below will apply:

The Board of Governors of Donemana Controlled Primary School has determined that, providing there is sufficient accommodation and that the class size does not exceed 25, children under compulsory school age can be admitted on their 4th birthday. In the event of the number of pupils applying for places being greater than the number of places, the criteria for Year 1 will apply.

## YEAR 1 ADMISSIONS – AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Children who apply to enter the school during the academic year will be considered using the same criteria as for Year 1.

## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA – YEARS 2-7

The following criteria will be applied, in the order set down below to all pupils seeking admission to Years 2 to 7. However, the school shall not cause or admit the number of registered pupils to exceed the school's enrolment number as determined by the Department of Education nor admit pupils where admission would, in the opinion of the Board of Governors, prejudice the efficient use of the school's resources. Priority will be given to children who are residents of Northern Ireland.

- 1 If there are more applicants applying for the available places then the Criteria for Year 1 will be applied.

## Waiting Lists

Should a vacancy arise after placement letters have been issued on 29 April 2015, all applications for admission that were initially refused, new applications, late applications and applications where new information has been provided will be treated equally and the published criteria applied. The waiting list will be in place until the end of the academic year.

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 list. Please contact the school if you wish for your child's name to be removed from the list.

Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2012/2013	12	12
2013/2014	17	17
2014/2015	24	24