

**KILDARE PLACE SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS POLICY 2015**

Kildare Place School is a National School under Church of Ireland Management, with 10 teachers, including an administrative principal, 1 learning support teacher, and 1 resource teacher. It teaches boys and girls from Junior Infants to Sixth Class. Children must be at least 4 years old before enrolment at the commencement of the school year.

The Patron of the school is the Board of Governors of the Church of Ireland College of Education, and it is administered by a Board of Management. The Principal is Mr. Ian Packham.

The school depends on the grants and resources provided by the Department of Education and Skills, and it operates within the regulations laid down, from time to time, by the Department.

The school follows the curricular programme as prescribed by the Department of Education and Skills which may be amended from time to time.

The order of Priority for admission to the school is as follows:

1. Children who are baptised members of the Church of Ireland or a church in communion therewith, e.g. member of Anglican Communion of Churches, Churches of the Porvoo Agreement.(see (1) below)
2. Children who are members of churches which are full ecumenical partners of the Church of Ireland, e.g. member churches of Irish Council of Churches, Council of Churches of Britain and Ireland. (includes for e.g., Methodists, Presbyterians, Orthodox churches.)
3. Children who are siblings of those who are currently pupils of the school.
4. Children, one of whose parents is a baptised member of the Church of Ireland.
5. Children who are members of churches which are involved in the Irish Inter-Church meeting, i.e. Roman Catholic/children of other Christian denominations.
6. Children who are of other faiths/religions, i.e. Muslim, Jewish etc, or of no faith.

Please note that the Unitarian Church in Ireland does not fall within the terms of our Admissions policy. A comprehensive list of all churches involved in the Porvoo Agreement can be found on the following links:

<http://ireland.anglican.org/index.php?do=about&id=46>

<http://www.porvoochurches.org/whatis/output02.php>

In the event that the number of eligible applications exceeds the number of places available, the remaining places will be allocated by lottery.

A parent is as defined in the Education Act, 1998.

In the event of a refusal an applicant may request the Board of Management to review its decision. If the Board of Management upholds its decision the parent(s) may then appeal to the Department of Education and Skills under section 29 of the Education Act.

Admission to classes other than Junior Infants

Admissions to classes other than Junior Infants occur only when vacancies arise in the relevant class. Such vacancies are rare but we do maintain a waiting list. When a vacancy occurs, the same criteria which apply to admission to Junior Infants will apply to admission to other years. Registrations will be accepted throughout the year for the waiting list. A vacant place if such arises will be offered to a child on the waiting list strictly in accordance with the Admissions Policy. This place must be accepted together with acknowledgement and signature of the Code of Behaviour within 14 days of the letter of offer. Failure to comply will deem the offer withdrawn and the place will be awarded to the next candidate on the list.

In the event that there are two or more candidates of equal standing for the same place, a lottery will take place with the unsuccessful applicant being placed on the waiting list for any subsequent place that may arise.

In the event of there being an over subscription of applicants in Category 3, priority of applicants will be determined in accordance with the family which has the longest standing relationship (in years of currently enrolled pupils) with Kildare Place School.

Kildare Place School does not engage in a policy of chronological applications. Likewise, geographical location of the home address of the applicant does not have any bearing on the offer of school places.

No application for admission will be considered unless the candidate has reached the age of 4 years by 1st May in the year of intended admission.

The School Admissions list does not carry over from year to year and therefore applications will not be renewed for a subsequent year other than receipt of a new application by the parent or guardian. The waiting list expires on the 30th June of any given school year

Please note that it is the applicant's duty to ensure that their contact details are kept up to date.

Ratified by KPS Board – 9th March, 2015 . Signed: Canon Neil McEndoo - Chairperson