

**SCOIL ÍÓSAEF
ST JOSEPH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

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**Voluntary Grammar School
(Irish Medium Stream)**

Age Range 11 – 18

Open Evening: A virtual Open Evening video will be available for prospective pupils and parents at the end of January 2021 on the school's website

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

The criteria are drawn up by the Board of Governors which may delegate the application of them to an Admissions Subcommittee. Children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to the school will be selected before any child not resident in Northern Ireland.

1. For admissions to Year 8 IMS, the school will assign places to applicants on a quota basis as follows:

Main school	70 places	Irish Medium Stream	50 places
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2. Where the school has fewer applicants than places available in either sector it will admit up to the admissions number with applicants to the other sector.
3. Where the school has a greater number of applicants than places available in either sector, it will apply its admissions criteria as set out below to decide which applicants to admit up to the quota stated.

**ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR STUDENTS TRANSFERRING TO THE IMS AT SCOIL ÍÓSAEF,
ST JOSEPH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, DONAGHMORE**

Important Information for Parents of Applicants

All applicants to Scoil Íósaef must have had at **least 5 out of the 7 years** of their primary education through the medium of Irish. Applicants must have completed **all of their KS2 education through the medium of Irish** in order to be considered for a place in Scoil Íósaef. Applicants who do not meet the criteria above will not be considered for a place in the Irish Medium Stream.

If Scoil Íósaef is oversubscribed the following criteria will be applied in the order indicated to select children for admissions to Scoil Íósaef:

1. Applicants who have had at least 5 years out of the last 7 years of their primary education through the medium of Irish to include all of their KS2 education through the medium of Irish.
Full responsibility rests with the Parent(s)/legal Guardian(s) to provide such details on the online Application/Transfer Form. Parent(s)/legal Guardian(s) should not assume such knowledge on the part of the Board of Governors nor any individual member of the Board of Governors but must provide the evidence at the time of application and upload it with the online Application/Transfer Form.
2. Applicants who have had at least 5 out of the last 7 years of their primary education through the medium of Irish, to include all of their KS2 education through the medium of Irish and who currently have a sibling/half sibling in either Scoil Íósaef or St Joseph's Grammar School at the time of application. The sibling/half sibling(s) should be named.
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Board of Governors nor any individual member of the Board of Governors but must provide the evidence at the time of application and upload with the online Application/Transfer Form.

3. Applicants who have had at least 5 out of the last 7 years of their primary education through the medium of Irish, to include all of their KS2 education through the medium of Irish and who have, in the past, had a sibling/half sibling in either Scoil Íosaef or St Joseph's Grammar School. Full responsibility rests with the Parent(s)/legal Guardian(s) to provide such details on the online Application/Transfer Form. The sibling/half sibling(s) should be named.

Parent(s)/legal Guardian(s) should not assume such knowledge on the part of the Board of Governors nor any individual member of the Board of Governors but must provide the evidence at the time of application and upload it with the online/Application Transfer Form.

4. Applicants who are entitled to free school meals at the date of application.

Parent(s)/legal Guardian(s) must ensure that this is indicated by completing the appropriate section on the online Application/Transfer Form.

Parent(s)/legal Guardian(s) should not assume such knowledge on the part of the Board of Governors nor any individual member of the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors will request EA to verify FSM entitlement claimed on the online Application/Transfer Form.

5. Applicants who have had at least the last 5 of their 7 years of their primary education through Irish, to include all of their KS2 education through the medium of Irish in age descending order as noted on the applicant's original copy Birth Certificate.

If after application of a particular criterion above, there are places still to be filled, then the next criterion will be applied to select applicants for places, in the order set down through to criterion number 6.

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 online Application/Transfer Form.

The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by the school can result in the withdrawal of a place and the inability to offer a place on the part of any school nominated on the applicant's online Application/Transfer Form.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8 SCOIL ÍÓSAEF

Year	Total Applications All Preferences	Total Admissions
2018/19	26	25
2019/20	42	40
2020/21	43	43

Admission to years 9 to Year 11

A small number of places may be available in some years on a competitive basis to pupils who would benefit from an Irish Medium education and who can provide satisfactory, full and detailed written reports from their previous Irish Medium Post Primary school/stream. Admission will be subject to fully satisfactory written reports and will be at the discretion of the Board of Governors. Interviews will be held as part of the admission procedure. Any admission depends on (1) academic ability and performance, (2) availability of place in that year group.

There are no admissions to the IMS for year 12.

Waiting List

The school operates a waiting list for children who wish to transfer from other Irish Medium schools/streams into the IMS in the above year groups 9-11. Places will be offered strictly on a chronological basis with the earliest request for a place being considered first. Parents are invited to request that their child's name be placed on a waiting list for admission to a particular year group if they so wish.

A waiting list of pupils wishing to be admitted to the IMS will be maintained until Friday 24th September 2021. Thereafter, Parent(s)/legal Guardian(s) who wish their child to be considered for a place in the IMS, should a place become available, must make a new application.

Additional criteria in the event of oversubscription

1. Applicants who have had at least the last 5 out of their 7 years of their primary education through the medium of Irish and who are currently registered in an Irish Medium Post Primary School/stream.
Parent(s)/legal Guardian(s) should not assume such knowledge on the part of the Board of Governors nor any individual member of the Board of Governors but must provide the evidence at the time of application and attach it to the Transfer Form.
2. Applicants who have a sibling/half sibling enrolled at the School (either St Joseph's Grammar School or the IMS) at the time of application: full responsibility rests with the Parent(s)/legal Guardian(s) to provide sufficient details at the time of application to allow such to be identified.
3. Applicants whose sibling/half sibling attended the school (either St Joseph's Grammar School or the IMS) for at least two years: full responsibility rests with Parent(s)/legal Guardian(s) to provide sufficient written details. The sibling/half sibling should be named.