



St. Joseph's Grammar School

Scoil Ghramadaí Naomh Iósaef

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in our school and for taking the time to consider our admissions criteria for 2021 which have been published today. Please note that there is a separate admissions policy for pupils intending to apply for a place in our Irish Medium Stream and you will find this document on our school website.

As you already know, the cancellation of the GL Entrance Assessment in January 2021 meant that admissions criteria, which exclude the use of the outcome of the GL Entrance Assessment, had to be devised for the purpose of admitting year 8 pupils to the main school in September.

Over the last several months, our Board of Governors have met to devise a contingency set of admissions criteria applicable for this year for admissions to the main school. You will find this document on our website as well.

I would encourage you to study our criteria carefully alongside those of other schools to which you may be considering applying for a place for your child. If you want to discuss the admissions procedure for this year, please do not hesitate to contact me. The school telephone number and email address is noted above.

The post-primary application process is entirely electronic this year and as always, your primary school Principal will be a great source of help in guiding you through this. The Education Authority intends to produce a guidance video for parents when the admissions process opens on-line in March and you will find this on its website along with the EA's own dedicated helpline number too.

We will be releasing our Open Night video very soon and hard copies of the school prospectus will also be available for parents to collect from the school or to view on the website. Both of these will be released soon and will give you insights into what life at St Joseph's/Scoil Iósaef is like, as will a visit to any of our social media accounts.

I appreciate that these last number of months have been very difficult for the P7 children and for you as parents and you now have the important task of choosing the right school that best meets your child's needs. I can confidently recommend our school to you and extend my best wishes to you all as you proceed to make important decisions for your child's future education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Geraldine Donnelly
Principal