

Christ Church National School

Enrolment Policy

Admission to our school, which is under the Church of Ireland Management, and, the patronage of the Diocesan Bishop, is considered in the following order, subject to the discretion of the Board of Management.

1. All applications for places in the school shall be submitted on the approved Application Form to the school Principal. An Ethos statement, Code of Behaviour and Enrolment Policy will be furnished to each applicant with the Application Form.
2. Only such Application Forms that have been completed in full will be considered by the Board of Management.
3. Completion of such an Application Form does not entitle the applicant to a place in the school.
4. Early completion of the Application Form is not a factor in the allocation of places at the school.
5. All applicants must have attained their 4th birthday by 1st September in the year of admission.
6. The Board of Management will consider all applications at its Spring term meeting.
7. The Board of Management will, in light of articles 6(e), 9(m), and 15(2)(d) of the Education Act 1998, give consideration to the following factors:

The number of available places in the school, which in turn involves,

- The number of pupils expected to leave the school.
- The size of the smallest classroom in the school.
- The effect of the intake on the division/pairing of classes.
- The deployment of Teachers.
- The resources of the school.

The religious denomination of the applicant and the family.

The gender balance of pupils in the school.

The place of residence of the applicant.

Whether an applicant is a sibling of a child already attending the school.

(Siblings of pupils already at school are not automatically entitled to a place.)

8. Applicants, who wish to transfer from another school, will not be allocated places at the school except at the discretion of the Board, in accordance with its Enrolment policy.
9. In relation to religious denomination the following priority is followed:
 - a) Church of Ireland children of Church of Ireland families or Anglican

equivalent who live within the parishes of the Waterford Group and its recognised “catchment area”, (Fiddown Union and other adjacent Parishes).

b) Church of Ireland children of Inter-Church families, one parent of whom is Anglican and the other a member of the Irish Inter-Church meeting within the parishes of the Waterford Group and its recognised “catchment area”.

c) Children of Inter-Church families, one parent of whom is Anglican and the other a member of the Irish Inter-Group meeting within the parishes of the Waterford Group and its recognised “catchment area”.

d) Children whose parents are members of Member Churches of the Irish Council of Churches, within the of the Waterford Group and its recognised “catchment area”.

e) Children with siblings in the school.

f) Children of other Christian traditions, within the Parishes of the Waterford Group and its recognised “catchment area”.

g) Children of other religions or none, within the parishes of the Waterford Group and its recognised “catchment area”.

10. A waiting list may be drawn up if the Board of Management wishes and places may be reserved to accommodate those who move into parishes during the year and who fall into the above priorities.

11. Such a waiting list does not carry forward to subsequent years in the case of a child who is not allocated a place.

12. All applicants shall be informed in writing, of the Board’s decision, within 21 days of the meeting.

13. Section 29 (1) (C) of the Education Act, 1998 provides for procedures under which in some circumstances appeal may be made to the Secretary General of the Department of Education and Science.

This policy has been formally adopted by the Board of Management of Christ Church National School Waterford, at its meeting on the Twelfth day of January, Two Thousand and Six.

Mr Leslie Warren, Chairperson of the Board of Management.