

Admissions

New Admission Policy - Prioritisation of Applicants

Applications for places in 1st Year will be prioritised using the categories below (in strict order, with number 1 given first preference and number 11 given last preference):

1. Students whose primary residence is in Portmarnock and have siblings currently attending Portmarnock Community School
2. Students whose primary residence is in Portmarnock.
3. Students from St Marnock's NS and St Helen's SNS who select Portmarnock Community School as their choice on the CAPPS application form and have siblings currently attending Portmarnock Community School
4. Students from St Marnock's NS and St Helen's SNS who select Portmarnock Community School as their choice on the CAPPS application form.
5. Students with siblings currently attending Portmarnock Community School.
6. Children of Portmarnock Community School daytime staff.
7. Students whose siblings are past pupils of Portmarnock Community School.
8. Subject to a maximum *25% of the enrolment figure, students whose parent(s)/guardian(s) are past pupils of Portmarnock Community School.
9. Students attending other primary schools in the CAPPS Education Association who selected Portmarnock Community School as their choice on the CAPPS application form.
10. All other applications received before the closing date.
11. Applications received after the date set out for submission of applications in the Annual Admissions Notice and published annually on the School website.

Subjects

1st Year Subject Choices for the Academic Year 2025-26

Core subjects: Gaeilge, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, PE, CSPE, Religious Education, Tutorial/Pastoral Care, SPHE.

Each student will study **three (3) optional subjects**. Students select **one** subject from each of the following blocks:

BLOCK 1	BLOCK 2	BLOCK 3
French or German or Spanish	Home Economics or Wood Technology or Applied Technology	Business Studies or Graphics or Visual Art or Music

Key Admission Date

- **Applications Open:** 1st October 2024
- **Closing Date:** 25th October 2024 at **1pm**
- **Applicants will be notified of the decision:** 25th of November 2024
- **Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer by:** 6th of December 2024

FAQ:

Q: If I apply through the CAPPs application, does that automatically mean my son/ daughter gets a place?

A: No, all applications fall into different categories. How you apply doesn't guarantee a place.

Q: If my son/daughter attended St. Helen's or St Marnock's Primary School, does that automatically mean my son/ daughter gets a place?

A: No, all applications fall into different categories. How you apply doesn't guarantee a place. Category 1 & 2 are for students who live in Portmarnock. Category 3 and 4 is for students from St. Helen's or St Marnock's.

Q: If my son/daughter has a sibling already attending Portmarnock Community School, does that automatically mean my son/ daughter gets a place?

A: No

Q: If either Parents attended Portmarnock Community School, does that automatically mean my son/ daughter gets a place?

A: No

Important Things to note:

1. Application Forms will be available to download from our website from 1st of October 2024.
2. All Applications must be submitted by post or dropped into the Admission Box in Reception.
3. If any application is received **after 1pm on 25th October**. It is automatically considered a late application and **automatically falls into Category 11**.
4. If you live in Portmarnock and do not include 2 utility bills with application, the application is considered incomplete.
5. If you tick for ASD, please ensure to include a Psych report with Original ASD diagnosis. If we do not receive the psych report, the application is considered incomplete.
6. If successful to receive a place, When completing the registration Form. You must include a hard copy of Irish Exemption and Psych Report if relevant.