

ENROLMENT POLICY

St. Pius X Boys' school is a Roman Catholic School under the patronage of the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin. As a Roman Catholic school, the school aims at promoting the full and harmonious development of all aspects of the pupil: intellectual, physical, cultural, moral and spiritual. This Catholic school provides religious education for pupils in accordance with the doctrines, practices and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and promotes the formation of the pupils in the Catholic faith.

Equality of access is the key value that determines the enrolment of children to our school. No child is refused admission for reasons of ethnicity, special educational needs, disability, language/accent, traveller status, asylum seeker/ refugee status, religious/political beliefs and values, family or social circumstances.

The school offers places to boys who have reached the age of 4 by the 1st June on the year of enrolment, based on these criteria in the following order:

1. Catholic children of families living in the parish.
2. Brothers of children currently enrolled in St. Pius X B.N.S.
3. Children of current Staff members of St. Pius X Schools.
4. Brothers of sisters who are currently enrolled in St. Pius X Girls' School.
5. Brothers of past pupils who completed their Primary education in St. Pius X B.N.S.
6. Children of past pupils who completed their Primary education in St. Pius X B.N.S.
7. Catholic children who live outside the parish and who do not have a Catholic school in their parish.
8. Children who live within the parish boundaries but who are not Catholic.
9. Children who are Catholic and who are not resident in the parish.
10. Children who are not Catholic and who are not resident in the parish.

In the event of the number of applicants in a particular criteria category, exceeding the number of available places the age of the candidates will be taken into account, and places will be offered to the eldest boys in that category first.

Application Procedures:

A parent or guardian wishing to enrol a child must contact the school for an application form. The closing date for applications is the 30th of November of the year prior to enrolment. Offers of places are issued by letter and enrolment normally takes place during the second school term. Utility bills may be requested in certain circumstances.

Children with special needs:

This school has an inclusive policy but needs to know if a child has special educational needs so that these needs can be planned for and appropriate services can be put in place. If necessary, the BOM may request the child's psychological and/or medical reports. Where such reports are not available, the BOM may request that the child be assessed immediately.

Children with special needs will be resourced in accordance with the level of resources provided by the DES to the BOM. The school will, in all cases, work under the direction of the NEPS psychologist.

Code of Behaviour:

Children who are enrolled in our school are required to cooperate with and support the school/Board of Management's Code of Behaviour as well as all other practices and policies on curriculum, organisation and management. The BOM places parents/guardians responsible for ensuring that their child(ren) cooperate with said policies in an age-appropriate way. These policies may be reviewed and revised from time to time.

Transferring:

Pupils may transfer to the school at any time of the year, subject to school policy, class size, and in some cases, the approval of the B.O.M/D.E.S. It is a requirement of the BOM that information concerning attendance and the child's educational progress and other pertinent documentation be communicated between schools as appropriate (Education Welfare Act 2000).

Please note that information about your child may be kept on computer for administrative purposes.

The BOM reserves the right to change the enrolment policy.

The BOM is the final arbiter in all enrolment decisions.

Ratification:

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management of St. Pius X B.N.S. at their meeting on the 11th February 2008.