

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

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

**Age Range** 11 – 18

**Admissions Number:** 120\*

**Enrolment Number:** 750\*

\*includes IMS

**Open Day: An Open Day will be held in the school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024. There will be a morning and afternoon session for guests to attend. Details to follow in the local press and on the school website and social media platforms.**

**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:  

<b>Main school</b>	70 places	<b>Irish Medium Stream</b>	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 IÓSAEF,  
ST JOSEPH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, DONAGHMORE**

**Important Information for Parents of Applicants**

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 12.00 noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 at 12.00 noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12.00 noon (GMT) on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 and up to 4.00pm on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 will be treated as a late application.

Scoil Iósaef - St Joseph's Grammar School is a Co-Educational Catholic Voluntary Grammar School with a Catholic ethos under the Trusteeship of St Patrick's Educational Trust, Archdiocese of Armagh. The school provides a faith-based education centred on gospel values of love, respect, justice, compassion and hope. We warmly welcome learners from the Catholic tradition, other Christian traditions and non-Christian traditions as well as those who do not identify as having any religious faith.

All applicants to Scoil Iósaef 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 Iósaef.

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

1. Applicants who have had at least 5 years out of the last 7 years of their primary education through the medium

## Admissions criteria for entry September 2024

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, and who currently have a sibling/half sibling in either Scoil Iósaef or St Joseph's Grammar School at the time of application. The sibling/half sibling(s) should be named.

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- Applicants who have had at least the last 5 of their 7 years of their primary education through Irish, in age descending order as noted on the applicant's original copy Birth Certificate.  
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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 3.

### **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 IÓSAEF**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Applications All Preferences</b>	<b>Total Admissions</b>
<b>2021/22</b>	47	45
<b>2022/23</b>	35	37
<b>2023/24</b>	45	49

### **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) proficiency in the Irish language (2) academic ability and performance, (3) availability of places 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 to 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 by emailing the school Principal at [info@stjosephs.donaghmore.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stjosephs.donaghmore.ni.sch.uk)

A waiting list of pupils wishing to be admitted to the IMS will be maintained until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024. 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**

- 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.
- 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.