

BELFAST BOYS' MODEL SCHOOL

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**Controlled School
Boys' Secondary**

Age Range: 11-18

Admission No: 190

Enrolment No: 1045

Open Night

BOOKABLE TOUR

Monday 26th January 2026 – 4.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Booking of individual family tour through School website from Monday 5th January 2026

RESPECTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND PRINCIPAL IN RELATION TO ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL

The Board of Governors delegate to the Principal, or her nominee, those functions relating to the admission of pupils.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS TO YEAR 8 IN SEPTEMBER 2026

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 27th January 2026 at 12 noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 19th February 2026 at 12 noon will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12 noon on 19th February 2026 and up to 4pm on 24th February 2026 will be treated as a late application.

Admissions Criteria will be applied in the following order.

- 1 A boy whose brother attends Belfast Boys' Model School.¹
(This must be indicated on the Transfer Application noting name of brother).
- 2 A boy whose sister attends Belfast Model School for Girls.¹
(This must be indicated on the Transfer Application noting name of sister).
- 3 The first boy in the family to transfer to a secondary (non grammar) school.¹
(This must be indicated on the Transfer Application).
- 4 Those applicants for whom Belfast Boys' Model School is the closest controlled school (ie straight line distance from home address to the main entrance of the school in Ballysillan Road). **In order to ensure accuracy and impartiality, this information will be provided by the Northern Ireland Ordnance Survey Office.**
- 5 In the event of us still not reaching our quota after the application of criteria 1–4, then the final place(s) will be offered to those applicant(s) who live closest to the main entrance to the school (Ballysillan Road). **In order to ensure accuracy and impartiality, this information will be provided by the Northern Ireland Ordnance Survey Office.**
- 6 In the event of applicants still tying, boys will be selected for admission on the basis of initial letter of surname (as entered on Birth Certificate) in the order set out below:

Q, M, Z, A, T, P, E, L, R, H, C, W, Y, F, N, D, X, B, V, S, U, J, O, G, I, K

This order was determined by a randomised selection.

In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames will be used.

NB All relevant information relating to Criteria 1–6 **MUST** be included on the Transfer Application or else it cannot be taken into consideration.

¹The definition of 'child of the family' covers those children being cared for in the same household by the same parents/carers. Brother/sister is considered to be a child of the family.

Should family circumstances change after completion of the Transfer Application, it is essential that the parents/guardians inform the Post Primary Admissions Office by 24th February 2026, no later than 4.00 p.m.

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 Transfer Application/Application Form.

If the requested evidence is not provided to the Board of Governors by the deadline specified, this will result in the withdrawal of an offer of a place. Similarly, if information is supplied which appears to be false or misleading in any material way, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

WAITING LIST POLICY

Should a vacancy arise after 9th May 2026, all applications for admission to Year 8 that were initially refused along with new applications and applications where new information has been provided, will be treated equally and the published criteria applied.

This waiting list will be in place until the 1st September 2026.

If parents/guardians wish to have their son's name remain on the waiting list, beyond this date, they should inform the school in writing. This waiting list will be in place until 30th June 2027.

The school will contact you in writing if your son gains a place by this method.

Please contact the school should you wish to have your son's name removed from the list.

Applications and Admissions

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications i.e. All preferences	Total Admissions
2023/24	200	200	196
2024/25	200	178	172
2025/26*	190	194	194

**The Total Admissions for year 2025/2026 includes all Year 8 children admitted to the school including those who have a statement of special educational needs and/or may be attending SPiMS.
(SPiMS = Specialist Provision in Mainstream School).*

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA – Years 9 – 12 - Criteria will be applied in the following order

- 1 A boy whose brother attends Belfast Boys' Model School.¹
- 2 A boy whose sister attends Belfast Model School for Girls.¹
- 3 A boy who is the first child in the family to transfer to a secondary (non grammar) school.¹
- 4 A boy whose subject choice can be accommodated by Belfast Boys Model School. (This applies to boys applying for places in Years 11-12)
- 5 A boy who has a satisfactory record of attendance (ie over 90% during the previous school year). Mitigating circumstances will be considered in the case of illness, but must be supported by medical evidence. Such mitigating circumstances must be provided in writing.

N.B. All relevant information relating to Criteria 1 - 5 MUST be included on the Application or else it cannot be taken into consideration.

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