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As you know, we are fast approaching the time when you and your child make a decision about which Post-Primary school they will transfer to in September 2022. I enclose below some important information and guidance on the process and steps you should take.

- The post-primary application will be accessible at [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions) and the application window is open between 12 noon on Tuesday 1 February and 4pm on Wednesday 23 February 2022. Applications are not considered on a first come, first served basis.
- It is recommended that parents use a supported internet browser e.g. Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Safari etc. NB The application will not work on Internet Explorer
- Parents who are awaiting the results of an entrance test may wish to await the outcome before starting an application, however, if desired they could complete the registration process and partially complete their child's form before receiving results and return to complete before 23 February.
- It is the responsibility of parents to check that all relevant information is included on their child's application before submitting the form.
- Digital assistance is available via the Admissions Helpdesk 028 9598 5595 in addition to the user guides on our website and the guidance leaflet 'Applying for a Post-Primary School Place'.
- Using the Recite Me tool on the EA website, parents can translate information and access audio transcripts of admissions criteria and our guidance materials in a range of languages. Parents may watch our subtitled video in six different languages and access translated versions of the P7 leaflet.
- Parents can check if their child would be eligible for transport assistance to a particular school on the EA website.
- Parents have the right to express school preferences, but no child can be guaranteed a place at any particular school. More than half of post-primary schools are oversubscribed and not all children who apply will receive a place at an oversubscribed school. To ensure the best chance of getting their child into a post-primary school of their choice, it is strongly recommended that at least four schools are listed in the order of preference and include at least one non-grammar school. Parents can list as many schools as they wish and, in some areas,, where many of the



schools are oversubscribed, it may be wise to list more than four schools. Up to 12 schools can be listed on the online application and if more are needed these may be emailed to EA.

- It is important that parents find out the following information about the schools they are considering. This will help them to assess if their child is likely to be offered a place:
  1. the admissions criteria sets out how the school will decide which children will be selected/not selected if the school is oversubscribed. Parents should think about how well their child meets the criteria. The admissions criteria for all schools can be found on the EA website. If parents have questions about what something in a particular school's criteria means they can contact the school for clarification.
  2. the number of applications the school received in previous years and the number of pupils who were accepted. This information is included with the school's criteria on the EA website to let parents know if the school is usually oversubscribed.

A leaflet containing further guidance and key information is attached for your information but if you have any further questions about the process, we will do our very best to assist you.

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