

**RAINEY ENDOWED SCHOOL**

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**Chair of Governors:** Mr D Henry

**Voluntary Grammar School  
(Non-denominational)**

**Age Range of pupils:** 11-19

**Admissions Number:** 100

**Enrolment Number:** 700

**Visits to the School**

An Open afternoon and evening have been organised for Thursday 23 January 2025. All P6 or P7 pupils accompanied by a maximum of two parents/guardians can book a tour of the school. Tours will commence at 2.45pm, please check [www.raineyendowed.com](http://www.raineyendowed.com) for booking details.

**Entrance Assessment Results:**

Rainey Endowed School intends to use the **Combined Standardised Age Score** obtained by pupils who completed the **SEAG – Schools’ Entrance Assessment in English and Mathematics** on 16 and 23 November 2024. Results of the SEAG Assessment will be issued on Saturday, 25 January 2025.

Please ensure that you upload the following information on your child’s **Online Transfer Application**:

1. The name of the **Assessment Centre** where your child sat the **SEAG Assessment**.
2. The **Combined Standardised Age Score** provided by **SEAG** for your child.

Please upload to the **EA Connect Portal**, a scanned copy of your child’s **SEAG Assessment Result**.

**Claim for Special Circumstances or Special Provision:**

**Special Circumstances**

Registration of a claim for Special Circumstances should be submitted to the Education Authority using the **Special Circumstances Form – Form SC**, contained in ‘Claiming Special Circumstances – A Guide for Parents and Guardians’ which is available from the Rainey Endowed School website.

**It is the responsibility of parents/guardians** claiming Special Circumstances to ensure that all appropriate independent, verifiable, supporting documentary evidence to corroborate the claim for Special Circumstances, along with the **completed Claim for Special Circumstances**, are uploaded to the **EA Connect Portal (The EA Connect Portal, opens on Tuesday, 28 January 2025 at 12 noon and closes Thursday, 20 February at 12 noon)** The Education Authority will then forward the First Preference Applications to Rainey Endowed School and the Admissions Sub Committee will determine, if any, Special Circumstances are to be applied to the score.

**Special Provision**

Claims for Special Provision should be made on the **Special Provisions Form – Form SP**, and uploaded to the **EA Connect Portal**. The **Special Provisions Form** is available from the Rainey Endowed School Website. After the EA Connect Portal process closes, Parent/Guardians wishing to claim Special Provision should forward a copy of The **Special Provision Form** directly to the Education Authority. **The EA Connect Portal opens on Tuesday, 28 January 2025 at 12 noon and closes Thursday, 20 February at 12 noon.** The Education Authority will then forward First Preference Applications to Rainey Endowed School and the Admissions Sub Committee will determine, if any, Special Provisions are to be applied to the score.

**School Fee**

Every pupil in the School pays an annual School Fee, of £140, preferably by Direct Debit. Fees are reviewed each year. This is the basis of the School Fund which is used for the benefit of all pupils.

**ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO YEAR 8**

**During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria, punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The EA Connect Portal opens on Tuesday, 28 January 2025 at 12 noon and an application submitted by closing date of Thursday, 20 February 2025 at 12 noon will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12 noon on Thursday, 20 February 2025 and up to Tuesday, 25 February 2025 will be treated as a late application.**

## 1. General Information

Rainey Endowed School (“the School”) is a Non-Denominational, Co-educational Voluntary Grammar School seeking to preserve the established character and academic ethos of the School.

The Board of Governors draws up the Admissions Criteria and delegates to an Admissions Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal and Vice-Principal, the responsibility for applying these Criteria. Any reference herein to the term the Board of Governors includes any Committee or Sub-Committee appointed by the Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information written on or submitted with any applicant’s Online Transfer Application. Parents/Guardians should note that they will be asked to produce documents verifying information pertinent to the School’s Admissions Criteria, these should be scanned and uploaded with the Online Transfer Application. Independent evidence, when required, should be provided on headed notepaper and signed by one of the following who is not a member of the applicant’s family: the pupil’s Primary School Principal; a medical practitioner; a solicitor; a social worker, or a member of the clergy.

It is important that Parents/Guardians understand that, as stated in the Department of Education’s verification procedures, Circular 2013/24, ‘If the requested evidence is not provided to the Board of Governors by the deadline given, 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’.

## 2. Eligibility and Priority

For a pupil to be eligible for admission to Year 8 in the School in September 2025, an application in his/her name must be submitted according to the requirements of the Transfer Procedure conducted through the appropriate Education Authority.

The agreed Admissions Number for entry to Year 8 in September 2025 at the School is 100 (subject to DE approval to change).

In selecting pupils for admission, children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to the School will be selected before any child not so resident and proof of residency will be required before completion of the admissions process in September 2025.

## 3. Admissions Procedures

3.1 After the SEAG Assessments are completed, pupils will be **placed in a single list based on their performance in terms of a combined standardised age score in the SEAG Assessments. Those with the highest combined standardised age score will be at the top of the list, which will therefore be in rank order of merit. On the basis of the combined standardised age score, pupils will be admitted in rank order of combined standardised age score, up to the School’s Admissions Number.** Applications for admission to the School will be made through the EA Connect Portal.

Where two or more children have an identical combined standardised age score and insufficient places remain to admit both or all of them, then the following Admissions Criteria will be applied in the order set down:

3.2 Children who have placed Rainey Endowed School as their First Preference;

3.3 Children who have a sibling or other children of the family\* currently enrolled at the School;

3.4 Children who had a child of the family\* previously enrolled at the School for 2 or more years;

3.5 Children who are the eldest child or only child of the family\*;

3.6 Children who are enrolled in one of the contributing Primary Schools listed at **Section 5** below.

3.7 If children are still tied after the application of Admissions Criteria 3.1 – 3.5 above, then priority will be determined amongst them by a method of computerised random selection. Each child to be considered at this stage will be allocated an electronically generated random number; the children will then be ranked in order of the random number, with higher numbers having preference.

*\*Child/Children of the family – as defined by Department of Education Circular 2016/15 (Revised 16 November 2021)*

When considering which applicants should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will **only** take into account information which is detailed on or attached to the Online Transfer Application. It is the sole responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that all information relevant to the Admissions Criteria of the School is included in the relevant section on the Online Transfer Application and/or is attached to the Online Transfer Application at the time of submission to the School for admission.

#### 4. Special Provisions

Special Provision will be made by the Admissions Sub-Committee for children:

- Who have received more than half of their primary education outside Northern Ireland, based on the time from the start of Primary 1 – 1 September 2018 to 28 February 2025, i.e. more than 3 years and 3 months.
- Whose parents/guardians wish them to transfer to the School from schools outside Northern Ireland;
- Children who because of an unforeseen and serious medical or other problem, which is supported by appropriate independent, verifiable, documentary evidence, were unable to take the SEAG Assessment or has an estimated outcome because they only sat one of the two Entrance Assessment Papers.

Parents/Guardians wishing to claim Special Provision should complete and return to EA by **12 noon on Thursday, 20 February 2025**, the **Special Provision Form**, stating the case for eligibility under this category. This **Special Provisions Form** is available on the School’s website or directly from the School. **It is the responsibility of parents/guardians** to provide appropriate independent, verifiable, supporting documentary evidence to assist the Admissions Sub-Committee in its deliberations.

#### 5. Feeder Primary Schools

The following is a list of contributing Primary Schools to be used in the Admissions Criterion **3.5** above:

Ampertaine	Drumahoe	Mount St Michael’s	St Malachy’s Drumullan
Anahorish	Duneane	New Row	St Mary’s Bellaghy
Antrim Primary School	Gaelscoil an Tseanchai	Orritor	St Mary’s Draperstown
Ballylifford	Gaelscoil Eoghain	Phoenix Integrated	St Mary’s Glenview
Ballynease	Garvagh	Portglenone	St Mary’s Greenlough
Ballytrea	Gorran	Randalstown Central	St Mary’s Portglenone
Bellaghy	Groggan	Rathenraw Integrated	St Oliver Plunkett’s Toome
Bunscoil Naomh Brid	Holy Family	Roundtower Integrated	St Patrick’s Glen
Carhill Integrated	Holy Trinity	Sacred Heart, Rock	St Patrick’s Loup
Carlane	Kilrea	St Brigid’s Mayogall	St Patrick’s Moneymore
Castledawson	Knockloughrim	St Canice’s Feeny	St Patrick’s Mullinahoe
Churchtown	Knocknagin	St Columb’s Desertmartin	St Paul’s Ahoghill
Coagh	Lissan	St Columba’s Kilrea	St Peter’s Moortown
Cookstown	Maghera	St Columba’s Straw	St Trea’s
Creggan	Magherafelt	St Eoghan’s	Spires Integrated
Crossroads	Maine Integrated	St John Bosco	Stewartstown
Derrychrin	Millquarter	St John’s Swatragh	Tobermore
Diamond	Moneymore	St Joseph’s Antrim	Windmill Integrated
Donaghey	Moneynick	St Joseph’s Killeenan	Woods

#### 6. Procedures regarding the operation of a Waiting List for Admissions to Year 8

Rainey Endowed School retains a Waiting List for admission to the School where a place becomes available in Year 8. Parents who wish to have their child considered for admission to the School, in the event of a place becoming available in Year 8, should write to the Principal clearly stating this request. In the event of a vacancy arising, after 1 September 2025, the above Admissions Criteria will be applied, in the order set down, **to these applications only**. The School will contact parents in writing if their child gains a place in the School by this method. This Waiting List will be in place until 30 June 2026 at which time all names on the Waiting List will be removed.

**Number of Applications and Admissions**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Admissions No.</b>	<b>Total Applications All Preferences</b>	<b>Total Admissions</b>
<b>2022/23</b>	100	144	103
<b>2023/24</b>	100	146	106
<b>2024/25</b>	100	142	114

This table does not include children who were admitted to the School with a statement of special educational needs.

**Admission Criteria for Year 9 onwards will be available on request from the school.**