

**ST LUKE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
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MAINTAINED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Admissions No. 90

St Luke's Primary School is situated in extensive grounds, which adjoin the Church, Nursery and Playgroup. The majority of pupils come from the immediate areas of Twinbrook, the Glenbawn area of Poleglass and Lagmore .

The **accommodation** is comprised of 20 classrooms, 3 resource rooms, music room, a well-stocked and Internet-linked library, art and craft room, I.T. room, special needs/language resource rooms, assembly/physical education hall, meals kitchen, dining hall and offices. The school has an extensive field and playing areas. In September 2005 the school and local community benefited from the opening of our outdoor, floodlit, all weather, multigames area. This play area within the playground has been used by pupils throughout the school, both during class time and at break and lunchtime. It is also hired out in the evenings by local sports clubs.

Extra -Curricular Activities

The school runs a Breakfast Club every morning from 8:15a.m.

A wide variety of activities are on offer through an After Schools programme, offering music, sport and dance

Department of Education School Inspection

St Luke's received a very good inspection report from the Department of Education inspection team in November 2010 which described the quality of pastoral care and ethos as outstanding and the quality of the teaching and learning as being very good to outstanding. The commitment of the staff, the involvement of parents in their children's learning and the quality of relationships were among other noted strengths. The Governors, staff, parents and

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pupils were thrilled with the report, which clearly recognised the excellent standard of education being offered in St Luke's.

Staffing

Current staffing is Principal plus 8 full time teaching staff and one part-time Special Needs Teacher. The school secretary, caretaker, classroom assistants, cleaners, supervisory assistants and school meals staff complete a team dedicated to the education and welfare of children entrusted to their care. The school also has two part time counsellors available to work with children upon request.

The school aims to develop the full potential of all pupils in a friendly and caring environment, which is committed to Christian values. Emphasis is placed upon the development of self-confidence and consideration of others, together with the acquisition of basic skills and high standards of work and conduct. All pupils are requested to wear the designated school uniform and to maintain good attendance and punctuality.

Little Seeds Nurture Group

The school has in place a Nurture facility to help support those younger children who may need extra support in settling into school life. This is supported by Big Lottery funding and has been hugely successful to date.

ECO School Green Flag Award

The children and staff take pride in the school environment and efforts were

awarded in 2010 with the prestigious Green Flag. **The active participation of parents is always welcomed.** Strong links are maintained through regular newsletters, bulletins and through regular formal and informal meetings with class teachers. We have an active Parent Teacher Association and they have already run a number of events. We have pastoral meetings between teachers and parents in October in addition to the parent teacher meetings held in the 3rd term and the written reports sent home annually.

Parent and Crèche Facilities

Two rooms on our infant corridor have been converted to include a purpose built crèche, a computer centre and parents' centre. Parents are offered a wide range of courses including The Incredible Years Course, DELTA and other courses focusing on parenting and wider educational issues. Our extremely successful breakfast and after schools clubs are also based in this area.

Application forms may be obtained from the school. The full Board of Governors will be involved in the application of the admission criteria.

Admissions Criteria

In the event of over-subscription the Board of Governors will apply the following criteria in the order set down.

P1 Intake

- 1 Children of compulsory school age who reside in the parish of St Luke's.
 - 2 Children of compulsory school age from Glenbawn area of Poleglass.
 - 3 Children of compulsory school age from other
- In the event of over-subscription in any one of the above criteria the following sub-criteria will be applied.***

- a) Children transferring from St Luke's Nursery.
- b) Children who have brother(s)/sister(s) (half-brother(s) / sister(s)) presently enrolled in St Luke's Primary School.
- c) Children whose parent(s)/guardian(s), brother(s)/sister(s) (or half-brother(s)/sister(s)) are past pupils of St Luke's Primary School.
- d) Other children.

In the event of over-subscription within any one of the sub-criteria, the final selection will be on the basis of the proximity of the home to the school as measured by the shortest walking distance.

Applications for admission to P1 after the beginning of the school year.

Criteria as above.

P2-P7 Intake

Criteria as above.

Applications for Admission

	No of Applications Received	No of Pupils Admitted
2009/10	16	16
2010/11	36	36
2011/12	27	27