

MARKETHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Markethill Primary School – P1 September 2026

Starting school represents a significant event in the life of your child. It is understandable that your selection of a suitable school, which will meet your child's needs, requires careful thought. Having the opportunity to see, find out and understand what happens within a school can help to provide you with valuable information regarding the suitability of a particular school.

I would like to invite you and your child, who will be starting school in September 2026, to our **Open Morning on Tuesday 2 December 2025 at 9.30am**. Please contact the school (028 3755 1589) to book a place.

The Open morning will commence with the Principal, Dr McLernon, providing a talk about what Markethill Primary School has to offer your child. Following this, parents will have the opportunity to visit the Foundation Stage area and view our outdoor resource and play area. If you would like to attend the Open Morning, please contact the school office.

I have provided below some important dates regarding the P1 application process. Please contact me if you have any queries in relation to the application process or regarding your child starting school in September 2026. My staff and I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting you at our Open Morning.

Yours sincerely

Dr Helen McLernon
Principal

P1 APPLICATION PROCESS 2026 – 2027 - IMPORTANT DATES

- P1 Application Forms are completed online.
- Forms can be accessed through the Education Authority website: www.eani.org.uk.
- Information about the P1 admissions procedure and admissions criteria for schools will be published on the EA website on **Wednesday 10 December 2025**. The Admissions Criteria for MPS is available on the school website and school app, which can be downloaded.
- The P1 application procedure opens **via the EA online portal on Wednesday 7 January 2026 at 12 noon (GMT) and closes on Friday Wednesday 21 January 2026 at 12 noon (GMT)**.
- An application received **after 12 noon on Wednesday 21 January 2026 will be treated as late**.
- **Monday 26 January 2026**: Deadline date/time an applicant can provide for any preference listed, documents in support of their application.
- **Monday 23 March 2026**: Applicants receive notification of outcome of application by email where one is held or by letter. EA Online Portal open.

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OPEN MORNING

(FOR CHILDREN COMMENCING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026)



Tomorrow's Success Begins Today



**Tuesday 2nd December 2025
9.30am**

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