**Application for Special Provision [SP1 Form]**

(for use when applying to Rathmore Grammar School for Year 8 in September 2022)

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| The closing date for making a Special Provision application is 4.00 pm on Friday 11 March 2022. |

**SECTION A**

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| **Name of**  **Parent/Guardian:** |  | |
| **Name of Child:** | **(BLOCK CAPITALS)** | |
| **Address:** |  | **Postcode:** |
| **Telephone No:** |  | **Date of Birth:** |
| **Primary School:** |  | |
| **Address:** |  | **Postcode:** |

**SECTION B**

Special Provision is available for children who meet one or more of the following criteria, **please tick** one or more of the situations outlined below which apply to your child and **attach the appropriate evidence to this form:**

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| **a)** | My child is transferring from Primary School outside Northern Ireland |  |

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| **b)** | Prior to 11 December 2021, my child has received more than half of their Primary Education outside Northern Ireland |  |

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| **c)** | My child’s educational provision to date has been negatively affected by serious medical or other problems  which is supported by independent verifiable documentary evidence and who have not taken the |  |
|  | GL EntranceAssessment or the GL Supplementary EntranceAssessment |  |
| **d)** | My child was entered for the GL Assessment but was unable to sit the GL Assessment or the GL Supplementary Assessment as a result of Covid-19 |  |

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| Did your child take the GL Entrance Assessment? | | Yes |  | No |  |  |
| **(If you have ticked Yes, please attach the result slip to this form)** | |  |
| Name of Assessment Centre: |  | | | | | | |

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| Has your child been assessed by an Educational Psychologist? | Yes |  | No |  |  |
| **(If you have ticked Yes, please attach the report to this form)** |  |

**Please provide any other information which is relevant to your application for Special Provision for your child:**

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(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and attach it to this form)

**SECTION C**

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| Please complete the declaration below: |
| I have read and understood the guidance information, provided overleaf, and in the Admissions Criteria relating to Special Provision. I have attached all of the relevant documents from my child’s primary school and other relevant sources to support and verify my application for Special Provision and all other documentary evidence in support of this application. The information that I have provided on this form and attached to it is correct and has been appropriately verified. I accept that the provision of false or incorrect information may result in either the withdrawal of a place or the inability of a school to offer a place to my child. I agree that the information I have provided may be shared with other schools using GLA Entrance Assessment.  Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (BLOCK CAPITALS) |
| **This application for Special Provision must be uploaded with Transfer Application** (see guidance notes overleaf). |

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| **Office Use only** | Date Received: | Received by: |

**Important Information on Special Provision**

**NB:** The closing date for Special Provision applications is **4.00 pm on Friday 11 March 2022**.

Please read the following notes before completing and submitting this form.

* Rathmore Grammar School uses the GLA Entrance Assessment as part of its admission procedures for Year 8 in September 2022. It has published Admissions Criteria which set out the circumstances in which a parent/guardian may apply for Special Provision for his/her child. Please read these criteria to check that they are applicable to your child.
* The SP1 form must be uploaded as part of your transfer application.
* If your child is moving to a primary school in N. Ireland or will be transferring directly from a primary school outside N. Ireland, you should contact the officials in the Transfer Department of the local Education Authority region to inform them of your intention to apply to Rathmore Grammar School. You should complete this SP1 form and upload it and all relevant documentation with the Transfer application.
* In making your application for Special Provision, you are required to provide verification of the information you send to Rathmore. This verification should come from your child’s primary school or from medical or other professionals who have been involved with your child.
  + If you are applying for Special Provision on the grounds that your child has, prior to 11 December 2021, received at least half of his/her education in a primary school outside N. Ireland or you are transferring directly from a school outside N. Ireland, you should obtain a letter on school headed notepaper from your child’s current primary school signed by the school Principal which states that your child is enrolled at that school and the dates of his/her attendance. NB: A pupil’s school year is 190 days.
  + If you are applying for Special Provision on the grounds that your child was unable to take the Entrance Assessment or the Supplementary Assessment due to serious medical problems, for COVID-19 reasons, or for another valid reason or has not attended primary school for a substantial period of time in Key Stage 2 due to serious medical problems or for another valid reason, you should provide a letter from your child’s GP or Medical Consultant or another appropriate professional indicating the nature of the serious medical problems or reason for the absence and/or how it prevented him/her from taking either assessment.

**Completing this form**

* Please complete Section A in block capitals and if your contact details change at any time, please inform Rathmore.
* In Section B, you should indicate the reason for your application for Special Provision by referring to our published Admissions Criteria:
  + Tick at least one of the criteria as applicable to your child.
  + Tick the appropriate box to indicate whether you have an Educational Psychologist’s report for your child. Please attach this report and the review statement to this SP1 form.
  + Please provide any further information that is relevant to your application for Special Provision.
  + If you have any other educational or other evidence which you wish to have considered with this application for Special Provision, please outline this evidence in Section B and attach the documents.
* **All documents as described above and any other evidence you wish to provide in support of your application for Special Provision should be uploaded with this SP1 as part of the online transfer application Form. Please retain a copy of all documents for your own records.**
* In Section C, please read carefully and understand the declaration before signing it.

**What happens next?**

When the Transfer Form, this SP1 form and the required documentation as described above is received at Rathmore from the Education Authority Transfer Department:

* Rathmore will check that the form is fully completed and that all of the documents have been appropriately verified.
* Rathmore will examine your application for Special Provision and inform you whether further assessment of your child’s ability is necessary to provide the school with sufficient evidence to assess your application for a place.
* If a further assessment is required, Rathmore will arrange an agreed date for this assessment. The assessment will be administered by a suitably qualified person and you will receive a report on your child’s assessment outcomes which may be shared with other schools listed on your Transfer Form.
* Rathmore will consider your application for a place for your child along with the applications from other children.

If Rathmore is not in a position to offer your child a place, the assessment outcomes will, if necessary, be made available to other schools as listed by you on the Transfer Form.