



St. Anthony's Catholic School Policies

Admission Policy Nursery/Reception 2011/2012

INTRODUCTION:

Children and their learning is the reason for our school. It is our mission to care, protect and respect one another as Jesus showed us and that with Jesus at the core of our curriculum we aim to live out our vision of:

'Learning Growing and Living with Jesus'

AIMS:

The Governing Body aims to admit children who would gain spiritual benefit from being part of St. Anthony's community without reference to ability or aptitude.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The planned accommodation level is 480 pupils. We have one admission date per year, this being the September prior to the child's 4th birthday for Nursery children and 5th birthday for Reception children. Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs whose application has named St Anthony's Catholic Primary School will be admitted in accordance with the regulations and the policy of the Local Authority. (it should be noted that in such cases the Admissions Authority is the Local Authority).

The Governors intend to admit up to 60 children at both the Nursery and Reception Stages in the school. In reaching a decision concerning a child's admission to the school, the Governors will use the following criteria. In the event of oversubscription, children will be admitted in the following order:-

1. Catholic Looked After Children. (See note 1)
2. Baptised Catholics from practising families of St Anthony's Parish. (See note 3)
3. Baptised Catholic children from practising families from other parishes. (See note 3)
4. Baptised Catholics of St Anthony's parish. (See note 4)
5. Children who have, at the time of admission, siblings in St Anthony's School. (See note 2)
6. Baptised Catholic children from outside the Parish of St Anthony's.

If applying under categories 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 you must have a completed Priest's Reference Form and a Baptism Certificate.

7. Other Looked After Children. (See note 1)

In the event of there being vacancies after all the above applicants have been admitted, the Governors will admit children of other denominations and other faith traditions whose parents wish their children to be educated in a Catholic atmosphere. Priority will be given in the following order:

8. Baptised or Dedicated children of other Christian denominations who are practising and have a recommendation from their Minister. (See note 3)
9. Baptised or Dedicated children of other Christian denominations living within the Parish of St Anthony's.
10. Any other children living within the Parish of St Anthony's.

TIE-BREAKER

In the event of there being more applicants than places available, a tie breaker rule will be enforced. This will be the distance from the front door of St Anthony's School to the child's home address.

- Note 1: This includes any child/young person who is the subject to a full Care Order, accommodated under Section 20 of the Children Act 1989 or is remanded or detained into Local Authority accommodation under Criminal Law.
- Note 2: Siblings are considered to be those children who live at the same address and either:-
- a) have one or both natural parents in common
 - b) or are related by a parent's marriage
 - c) or are adopted or fostered.
- Note 3: Practising Catholics/Christians will be determined by a successful Priest's/Reverend's reference.
- Note 4: Children living within the Parish Boundary. (A map of the boundary can be viewed at either to school Office or the Presbytery Office at St Anthony's Church.

Although broadly based, the teaching of Religious Education and the general atmosphere of the school is specifically Catholic

In order for you to apply for your child to be considered for admission to the school, parents should contact the school office. Visits to the school are very welcome. Closer to the admission date it will be necessary to complete an application form and provide the child's birth certificate. In the case of Christian children the Baptismal or Dedication certificate will also be needed. In the event of a child being unable to obtain a place in the school, parents will be given full details of the Appeals procedure on request.

Please note a successful application into the Nursery does not guarantee a place in the Reception class of the school. Legally a separate application must be made at the appropriate time.

REVIEW AND MONITORING:

The Governors have a responsibility to ensure that all admissions meet the criteria as set above. This will be monitored by the Catholic, Life & Community Committee.

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