



# St Anthony's Catholic Primary School Policy: School Admissions 2019 - 2020



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## INTRODUCTION

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School is a Catholic Primary School under the trusteeship of the Diocese of Shrewsbury, and is part of the Wythenshawe Catholic Academy Trust.

As an academy, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. The co-ordination of admissions arrangements is undertaken by the Manchester Education Authority. For the School's year commencing 2019 / 2020, the Governing Body has set its admission number at ninety.

ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL will be made by the Governing Body in accordance with the stated parental preference, subject to the following set of ADMISSIONS CRITERIA forming a priority order where there are more applications for admissions than the school has places available.

- 1. Baptised Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.**
- 2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.**
- 3. Baptised Catholic children in the parish of St Anthony's as defined in its historical boundaries up to 2010.**
- 4. Baptised Catholic children from other parishes.**
- 5. Non-Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.**
- 6. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.**
- 7. Non-Catholic children whose parents wish them to have a Catholic education.**

## NOTES:

- a. All applicants will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions, which will be set by the local authority.
- b. All Catholic applicants will be required to produce a Baptismal Certificate.
- c. A Looked After Child is a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their Social Services functions (under Section 22 (i) of the Children Act 1989). A previously Looked After Child is one who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
- d. It is the duty of the Governors to comply with class size limits at KS1.
- e. If category (1) is oversubscribed, children who satisfy (1) and (2) will have priority over children who satisfy only (1). Subsequently, if in this or any other category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to school, those living nearer to the school having priority.
- f. Siblings as defined by the Local Authority.
- g. The Governing Body reserve the right to admit children with proven and exceptional medical and social needs where admission to the school might best help satisfy these exceptional needs, providing that such an application is submitted with appropriate evidence or reports from a doctor or social worker. If the school is named in a statement of special educational needs the Governing Body has a duty to admit the child to the school. Where applications are received from Catholic and other children in public care they will respectively be admitted to the school in that priority order and in advance of the outlined order of criteria.
- h. For occasional applications received outside the normal admissions round and if places are available then children qualifying under the published criteria will be admitted. If there are places available but more applicants than places then the published oversubscription criteria will be applied. Occasional and late applications will be treated as per the admissions arrangements published by the Local Education Authority.
- i. If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing body, parents can appeal to an independent Appeals Panel. This appeal must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the school within fourteen days (ten working days) of refusal. Parents must give reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors. Parents must be allowed at least twenty school days from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful to submit that appeal.

- j. The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to baptism, sibling connections or place of residence.

## **NURSERY CLASSES IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

ADMISSION TO THE NURSERY CLASS at St Anthony's Catholic Primary School will be on a full time basis and made by the Governing Body in accordance with the stated parental preference, subject to the following set of ADMISSION CRITERIA forming a priority order where there are more applications for admission than the Nursery has places available:

1. Baptised Catholic Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children.
2. Baptised Catholic Children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
3. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
4. Baptised Catholic Children in the parish of St Anthony's, as defined in its historical boundaries prior to 2010.
5. Non-Catholic Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children.
6. Other children living within Manchester, taking proximity to the school into account.

### NOTES

1. Admission to the Nursery Classes does not necessarily secure admission to the Primary School.
2. A Looked After Child is a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their Social Services functions (under Section 22 (i) of the Children Act 1989). A previously Looked After Child is one who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
3. The Governing Body reserve the right to admit children with proven and exceptional medical and social needs where admission to the Nursery Class may best help satisfy those exceptional needs, providing that such an application is submitted with appropriate evidence or reports from a doctor or social worker. If the school is named in a statement of special educational needs the Governing Body has a duty to admit the child to the school. Where applications are received from Catholic and other children in public care they will respectively be admitted to the Nursery class in that priority order and in advance of the outlined order of criteria.

4. All Catholic applicants will be required to produce Baptismal Certificates
5. The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to baptism, sibling connections or place of residence.

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