



Admissions to St. Mary's Catholic Primary School (Nursery) 2018/2019

- Applications for places in St. Mary's Nursery Class are made to the Governing Body which is the Admission Authority for a Voluntary Aided Catholic School.
- The Governing Body has set the number of intended admissions to the Nursery at 52 :- 26 pupils in the morning (8.30am-11.30am) and 26 pupils in the afternoon (12.30pm-3.30pm). There is one point of entry to the school in September.

N.B. Places may be available for 30 hours per week so please ask at the Main Office.

- Admission Criteria 2–6 are strictly applied to applications for the Nursery Class (Criteria 1 is only relevant to applications for the Main School)
- The Application Form must be accompanied by proof of the child's date of birth, a 'proof of residence' (e.g. a gas or electricity bill) and a copy of the child's Baptismal certificate.
- The Supplementary Form must be completed by the parent/s' or guardian/s' Parish priest (or another priest who celebrates Mass at the church they normally attend), confirming Catholicity. Where a family has recently moved to the area, the form may be completed by a priest of their former parish.
- In considering Catholicity, the Governing Body will take into account Mass attendance and any comments made by a priest on the Parish Form.
- No preference will be given to a child who has two parents/guardians who are members of the Roman Catholic Church over those children with one parent/guardian in that category.
- Any special information regarding social or medical need must be included at the time of application and parental approval may be sought for the school to make reference to the relevant authority. New information may not be brought to bear after an application has been refused.
- Distance from the child's home to the school will be considered in accordance with the previous Department for Education and Employment definition of eligibility for free transport to school - "the distance along a route which it is reasonable to expect the child to walk along, bearing in mind his or her age and the safety of the route".