



## Admissions to St. Mary's Catholic Primary School (Nursery) 2019-20

- Applications for places in St. Mary's Nursery are made to the Governing Body which is the Admission Authority.
- 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.**

### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- 1) Baptised Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Catholic Children who have been adopted or become subject to a 'child arrangements' order or special guardianship
- 2) Baptised Catholic children whose parents/carers are practising members of the Catholic Church
- 3) Children who are baptised Catholics but whose parents/carers are non-practising members of the Catholic Church
- 4) Other Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children who have been adopted or become subject to a residence or special guardianship order, immediately following having been looked after.
- 5) Children of members of the Eastern Orthodox churches
- 6) Children who are members of other Christian denominations which are members of Churches Together in England.
- 7) Children of other faiths
- 8) Any other children

**The Governors will agree how many full time places are available.**

The following order of priorities will be applied when it is necessary to decide between applications within any of the above categories.

- a) For categories 2 & 3, the evidence of strength of commitment to the faith as demonstrated by the frequency of Mass attendance, with weekly given the highest priority
- b) Children with a sibling who will be attending St Mary's at the time of their admission.
- c) Social/medical needs which make the school particularly suitable for the child in question (strong and relevant evidence must be provided by an appropriate professional authority-qualified medical practitioner, welfare officer, social worker or priest.
- d) Distance from home to school (the distance measured in a straight line from the centre of the home address to the centre of the school). Where the last remaining place is to be allocated and two or more children are deemed to live the same distance away from the school, the place will be decided by the drawing of lots.

**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 Information 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 Supplementary Information 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.

Sibling is a natural brother or sister, including half siblings, step siblings, fostered and adopted (not other relatives such as cousins).

Looked After Children are those in the care of the public authority. Applications made under this criterion must be accompanied by details of circumstances and professionally supported evidence (eg from an appropriate social worker).

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.