

## St Hilda's Admissions Statement



The Governors of the school have decided that the admission arrangements to the school should be based on preserving the character of the school. In line with the new Admission Code of Practice, the order or priority for admission to St Hilda's in cases of oversubscription is:

1. Children who are in public care
2. Children with exceptional medical, social or educational needs. (Must have documented advice from a qualified professional showing why this school is the most suitable and why another school would not be suited)
3. Children who attend <sup>1</sup> the churches within the Parish of Oldham
4. Children who attend <sup>2</sup> churches of Churches Together membership, locally or nationally
5. Sibling<sup>3</sup> of children already in school or children who reside permanently at the same address( Proof, in terms of provision of Child Benefit books and recent utility bills will be sought). Priority will only be given if the sibling will still be in attendance at the school at the date of the applicant's admission. If this number exceeds the number of places available, (45 for September 2009) or a 'tie breaker' decision is required , pupils will be allocated according to geographical proximity<sup>4</sup> in line with Authority practices.
6. If there are any remaining places after clause 5 has been applied, these will be allocated on the basis of geographical proximity as defined in that clause.

Approved by Governing Body

Chair of Governors \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Manchester Diocese

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Notes and definitions

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<sup>1</sup> Frequency of attendance to be confirmed in writing by church leader

<sup>2</sup> As above

<sup>3</sup> Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of a parent'/ carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

<sup>4</sup> Distance will be measured (in a straight line/ by the shortest walking route) from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system. Those living closer to the school receive the higher priority.

\*Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school **must** be admitted and are therefore not part of the oversubscription criteria