

ST. MARY'S C.E. (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREENFIELD

GOVERNORS' ADMISSION POLICY
2010

Admissions to an Aided school are the responsibility of the Governors, in agreement with the Diocesan Board of Education and the Local Authority.

The standard number agreed for admission to the Reception Class is 30.

Responsibility for admissions is delegated to the Governors' Admissions Committee.

In all circumstances, highest priority will be given to applications from looked after children (children in public care), statemented children whose statement names the school and children whose medical or social circumstances mean that their needs can only be met at this school.

When all other applications are received, the following criteria will apply, in order, in the event of oversubscription:

1.	Children and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) who are in regular attendance at St Mary's Church, Greenfield - see note a)
2.	Children who will have an older brother or sister attending the school at the time of their admission - see note d)
3.	The next 3 places allocated to any children based on geographical proximity to the school (10% without using faith criteria)
4.	Children and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) who are in regular attendance at any of the churches within the parish of the Saddleworth Anglican Team Ministry.
5.	Children and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) who are in regular attendance at a church within the parish which is a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, or a local Churches Together organisation.
6.	Children and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) who are in regular attendance at an Anglican church outside the parish of the Saddleworth Anglican Team Ministry.
7.	Children and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) who are in regular attendance at a church of another denomination outside the official parish boundaries of the parish of St. Mary's Greenfield, e.g. Uppermill Methodist, St. Joseph's R.C. Mossley
8.	Any other children.

Notes:

- a) Regular attendance is normally taken to mean a minimum of fortnightly attendance at church at public worship for at least the year prior to 1st September in the year before admission to the school. Evidence of infant baptism or dedication of the child and of regular attendance of parent(s)/guardian(s) must be provided by a member of the clergy or other designated church officer on the form provided.

- b) Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then distance to the child's normal home front door from the main gate of the school in a straight line, measured on a map, will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. The 'normal' home of the child will be taken to be the home in which the child sleeps for the majority of the school week.
- c) Where admission is sought under special medical or social circumstances criteria, professional supporting evidence, e.g. from a doctor, psychologist or social worker is essential. Such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is the most suitable for the child and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.
- d) 'Brother' or 'Sister' includes step, half, foster and adopted brothers or sisters living at the same address and full brother or sister living apart.

RIGHT OF APPEAL:

Where the governors are unable to offer a place because the school is over subscribed, parents have the right to appeal to an independent admission appeal panel, set up under the School Standards and Framework Act, 1998, as amended by the Education Act, 2002. Parents should notify the clerk to the governors at the school within 14 days of receiving the letter refusing a place. Parents will have the opportunity to submit their case to the panel in writing and also to attend in order to present their case. You will normally receive 14 days' notice of the place and time of the hearing.

Letters of appeal should be sent to:

The Clerk to the Governors (Appeals)
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Manchester Road
Greenfield
OLDHAM
OL3 7DW