

ST. THERESA'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2020-2021

Admission into Reception

St. Theresa's is a Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School with a Nursery, under the trusteeship of the Diocese of Salford and is maintained by Oldham Local Authority. As a Voluntary Aided School, 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 Local Authority. For the school year commencing September 2020, the Governing Body has set its planned admission number at thirty.

Admission Criteria

Admission to the school will be made by the Governing Body. All preferences listed on the Local Authority Preference Form will be considered on an equal basis with the following set of admissions criteria forming a priority order where there are more applications for admission than the school has places available.

Any child having a Statement of Special Educational Needs, which names St. Theresa's RC Primary School, will have precedence over all other applicants.

- 1. Baptised Roman Catholic children who are in public care and previously looked after children.**
- 2. Baptised Roman Catholic children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission and resident in the parish of Sacred Heart and St Anne's.**
- 3. Baptised Roman Catholic children resident in the parish of Sacred Heart and St Anne's.**
- 4. Other baptised Roman Catholic children who have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission and resident in another parish**
- 5. Other baptised Roman Catholic children resident in another parish.**
- 6. Other children who are in public care.**
- 7. Baptised children from other Christian faiths.**
- 8. Other children who have a brother or sister in school at the time of admission.**
- 9. Other children**

Notes

a) All applicants will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions which is 15th January 2020.

b) 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(1)) 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.

c) For a child to be considered as a Roman Catholic evidence of such Baptism will be required.

d) It is the duty of governors to comply with regulations on class size limits at Key Stage One. The Governing Body may exceed the regulations for twins, siblings in the same year group and children from multiple births where one of the children is the 30th child admitted.

e) If in any category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including the community entrance to flats) to the main entrance of the school using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system with those living nearer to the school having priority. If the distance is the same for two or more applicants where this would be last place/s to be allocated, a random lottery will be carried out in a public place.

f) Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for part of a week, the child's "permanent place of residence" will be determined as the address of the parent who normally has responsibility for the majority of school days in a week.

g) Sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the 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.

h) A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admission Criteria. Parents will be informed of their child's position on the waiting list which will not be operated for longer than the end of the Autumn Term.

i) For 'In Year' applications received outside the normal admissions round and if places are available then children qualifying under the published criteria will be admitted. Applications are made via the Local Education Authority.

If there are places available but more applicants than places then the published oversubscription criteria will be applied.

j) If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Body, parents can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Parents must be allowed at least twenty school days from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful to submit that appeal. Parents must give reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on all parties.

k) Parents can request that the date their child, if below compulsory school age, is admitted to school is deferred to later in the school year or until the term when they reach compulsory school age.

l) The Governing Body reserve 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.

Admissions into Nursery

Admission into the Nursery Class at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Primary School will be on either a part time or full time basis, and made by the Governing Body in accordance with the parental applications. For the school year commencing September 2020 the Governing Body has agreed that the Early Years Foundation stage unit will not exceed 30 places, this includes nursery and reception aged children. There will be 1 admission period for children into Nursery, September 2020. To be considered for a place in nursery the child must be 3 on or before 1st September 2020.

Parents of children in the Nursery are entitled to 15 hours of free provision each week.

Parents must understand that a child attending the nursery does not have an automatic right of entry into the Reception class.