

# St Joseph's RC Primary School



## Admissions Policy

**For the Academic Year 2021 – 2022**

St Joseph's RC Primary School is a Roman Catholic Primary School provided by the Diocese of Salford and is maintained by Salford Local Authority as a Voluntary Aided school. The school's Governing Board is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications and admissions. The co-ordination of admissions arrangements is undertaken by the Local Authority. Parents must complete a Local Authority Preference Form or apply online via the website <https://www.salford.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-place.htm>.

For the school year commencing September 2021, the Governing Board has set its planned admissions number at 30. Admission to the school will be determined made by the Governing Board in accordance with the stated preferences it receives, subject to the following set of criteria, which will be used to form a priority order if there are more applications for admission than the school has places available

If there are fewer than 30 applications, all applicants will be offered places.

The governors will admit all children who have statements of special educational needs/education health and care plan in which the school is named.

Following Catholic Education Service advice, the Salford's Diocesan Department for Education requires that priority should be given to Catholic applicants. If there are more applications than the number of places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied:

1. Baptised Catholic Looked After Children and Baptised Catholic previously Looked After Children.
2. Children with an exceptional social, medical, educational or religious need which can be best met, or only met at this school;\*
3. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
4. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of St Joseph's Ordsall
5. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.
6. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
7. Other Baptised Catholic Children.
8. All remaining applicants.

\*Exceptional needs – this includes children for whom the governors accept that there are exceptionally strong medical, social or welfare reasons associated with the child and/or family, which are directly relevant to the school concerned. Supporting professional evidence will be required. This may be from whatever source/s the applicant feels are most appropriate. Examples of such evidence are doctors, health visitors and social services.

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criterion above, priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured in a straight line from the address point of the child's home address to the centre point of the school in miles. Distance will be measured by the local authority's computerised measuring system with those living nearer to the school having priority. In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applicants and only one place left to be allocated, a random lottery will be carried out in a public place.

Policy reviewed, revised and agreed by GB March 2019. Reviewed by Chairs Action and no changes made April 2020. Shared at virtual GB 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## **PLEASE NOTE**

- a) All applicants will be considered at the same time by the admissions committee after the closing date for admissions.
- b) Each Roman Catholic applicant will be required to produce a baptismal certificate.
- c) The term 'brother or sister' will be defined as a natural brother or sister, or step-brother or sister, or foster/adopted brother or sister who live in the same household and which is the child's genuine main residence.
- d) The Governing Board reserve the right to admit children proven with exceptional medical and social needs where admission to the school might best help satisfy those exceptional needs, providing that such application is submitted with appropriate evidence from a doctor or social worker.
- e) If an applicant for admission has been turned down by the Governing Board, Parents/carers can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This appeal must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the school within 20 days of notification of refusal.
- f) A looked after child is a child who is a) in the care of the Local Authority or, been provided with accommodation by a Local authority in the exercise of their Social Services functions under section 22(i) of the Children's 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.