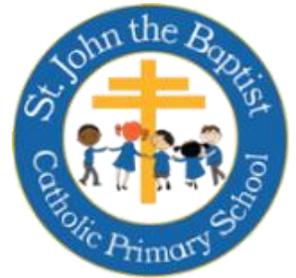


ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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NURSERY ADMISSION POLICY 2018-2019

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for baptised Catholic children. The school is run by its Trust Board as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Trust Deed and Memorandum and Articles of Association and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ.

If the number of preferences received is less than the admission number then all preferences will be met. However, when there are more applications than places available, priority will always be given to Catholic applicants in accordance with the oversubscription criteria listed below. By applying to this school parents, or carers, are declaring their support for the aims and ethos of the school.

Children are admitted to the Nursery the term after their third birthday, as follows;

Born between 1 April and 31 August: Admitted in September
Born between 1 September and 31 December: Admitted in January
Born between 1 January and 31 March: Admitted at Easter

The Academy Council has responsibility for admissions to this nursery and intends to admit 15 pupils to all sessions offered. If the nursery is full, there may not be an intake every term.

Admission to the nursery does not guarantee a place in school.

Oversubscription criteria

At any time where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered in the following order of priority:

1. Looked after children from Catholic families or children from Catholic families who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they became adopted or became subject to a residence or special guardianship order with a sibling who attends St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Normanton.
2. Looked after children from Catholic families or children from Catholic families who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they became adopted or became subject to a residence or special guardianship order.
3. Baptised Catholic children with a sibling who attend St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Normanton.
4. Baptised Catholic Children who live in the defined area.
5. Other Baptised Catholic Children.
6. Other looked after children or other children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they became adopted or became subject to a residence or special guardianship order with a sibling who attends St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Normanton.
7. Other looked after children or other children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they became adopted or became subject to a residence or special guardianship order.
8. Other children with a sibling who attends St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Normanton.
9. Other children.

Tie Break

- Where the offer of places to all the applicants in any of the categories listed above would still lead to oversubscription, the available places will be offered to those living nearest to the school, 'straight line distance' will be used as the measure (see notes).
- If two or more pupils live equidistant from the school, the distance each pupil lives by road from the preferred school will be measured and the place offered to the pupil who lives nearest by this means. In the event of this being equal, places will then be decided by random allocation (see notes).
- Where there is more than one application from a postal address contained within a block of flats, places will be decided by random allocation (see notes).

Waiting Lists

Unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list. This waiting list will follow the order of the oversubscription criteria set out above, therefore, this means that each time a child is added the list will be re-ranked. Names are normally taken off the list at the end of the academic year.

Pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs that names the school must be admitted. This will reduce the number of places available to applicants. This is not an oversubscription criterion.

The admission of pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. This procedure is set out in the 1996 Education Act. Details of this separate procedure are set out in the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

Notes (these notes form part of the over-subscription criteria)

Catholic means a member of a church in communion with the See of Rome. A certificate of baptism in a Catholic church, or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church, will normally evidence this alternatively a letter from a parish priest confirming membership of a church in communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches.

Looked After Child has the same meaning as in section 22 of the Children Act 1989, and means any child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by them e.g. children with foster parents.

Looked After Children from Catholic Families – this has a dual meaning. It could be the child themselves who are baptised Catholic or it could be the family who are caring for the child that is Catholic. If it is the child who is a baptised Catholic normal rules apply and a baptism certificate should be seen by the admission authority. However, (in limited situations) this may not always be possible and in these cases the admission authority should seek to ensure that the child is baptised. If a child is placed with a Catholic family who wish the child to have a Catholic education this should be evidenced by a baptism certificate of either parent carer.

Defined area is a geographical area. Please see boundary maps available for inspection in school (boundaries determined by the Diocese of Leeds).

Siblings (Brothers and Sister) includes children with brothers and sister (including step-siblings, adoptive siblings and foster siblings) of statutory school age, living at the same address, in attendance at the same school on the date of admission.

Live - In all categories "live" means the child's permanent home address. A child is normally regarded as living with a parent or guardian and we will use the parent or guardian's address for admission purposes. You cannot lodge a child with a friend or relation in order to gain a place at a school. For admissions purposes only one address can be used as a child's permanent address. When a child lives with more than one parent/carers, at different addresses, we will use the preference expressed by the parent/carers at the address where the child lives the majority of the time during the school week as the main place of residence.

Straight Line Distance - in all categories, when decisions have to be made between children satisfying the same criterion, children living nearest to the school, using a straight line measure as measured by LA software.

Random Allocation – this is only to be used when the last place to be offered would fall into one of the two categories above i.e. children living in a block of flats or children who live equidistant from the school using straight line distance criterion. An independent person will be used to make the random selection.