



**ST. PATRICK'S R.C.
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**NURSERY AGE
ADMISSIONS POLICY 2019-20**

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NURSERY AGE ADMISSIONS 2019-20

St Patrick's R.C Primary School is a Catholic School in the trusteeship of the Diocese of Salford. It is maintained by Manchester Local Authority and is a Voluntary Aided School. The Governing Board is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking all decisions on applications for admissions.

For the school's year commencing September 2019, the Governing Body has determined that the number of children to be admitted in the Nursery age group will be 45.

The school's role is to participate in the mission of the Catholic Church by providing a curriculum, including Catholic religious education and worship, which will help children to grow in their understanding of the Good News and in the practice of their faith. The school will help the children develop fully as human beings and prepare them to undertake their responsibilities as Catholics in society. The school require all parents who are applying for a place here to understand and respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the rights of parents who are not of Catholic faith to apply for a place here.

Admission to the Nursery age group at St Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School will be determined by the Governing Body on a full time basis. Parents must complete an application form which is available from the school.

If there are fewer applications than the Planned Admission Number, all applicants will be offered places. If there are more applications than the number of places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied;

1. Looked After Children and 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 boundaries of the parish of St Patrick's.
5. Baptised Catholic children of members of staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time the application is made.
6. Baptised Catholic children from other parishes.
7. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
8. All remaining applicants.

* Exceptional needs of this kind will occur very rarely. It is strongly recommended that a written application is submitted in advance of the normal admissions timetable.

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criterion above, priority will be given on the basis of age with older children having priority. In event of birth dates being the same for two or more applicants, where this would determine the last place/s to be allocated, a random lottery will be carried out in a public place and the required number of names drawn out.

Please note that length of time on the waiting list is not used as a criterion.

NOTES FOR NURSERY AGE GROUP ADMISSIONS 2019-20

- a. All applicants will be considered at the same time after the closing date for admissions which is the last day of the Spring 1 Term. (February 2020). Applications received after this date will be treated as a late application and will not be considered until after the main allocation of places has taken place.
- b. A Looked After Child is a child who is a) in the care of the 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 adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
- c. For a child to be considered as a Catholic evidence of a Catholic Baptism or reception into the Catholic Church is required. Written evidence of reception into the Catholic Church can be obtained by referring to the Register of Receptions, or in some cases a sub-section of the Baptismal Registers of the Church in which the Rite of Reception took place. If, for example, a child has been baptised in the Church of England and the parents are subsequently admitted to the Catholic Church through the RICA programme, the child must also be admitted to the Church by the Rite of Reception.

The Governing body will require written evidence in the form of a Certificate of Reception before applications for school places can be considered for categories of 'Baptised Catholics'. A Certificate of Reception is to include full name, date of birth, date of reception and parent(s) name(s). The certificate must also show that it is copied from the records kept by the place of reception.

Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism for good reason, may still be considered as baptized Catholics but only after they have been referred to the parish priest who, after consulting with the appropriate diocesan authority, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church.

- d. All applicants will be required to produce a full Birth Certificate. Children born overseas should also produce a passport.
- e. Home address is considered to be the address where the child normally lives. Where care is split and a child moves between two addresses, the household in receipt of child benefit would normally be the address used but the admission authority body reserves the right to request other evidence as fit the individual circumstances. Applicants should not state the address of another relative or person who has daily care of the child.
- f. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as full, half or step brothers and sisters, adopted and foster brothers or sisters who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit. This does not include cousins or other family relationships.

- g. A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the admission criteria. The waiting list does not consider the date the application was received or the length of time a child's name has been on the waiting list. This means the child's position on this list may change if another applicant is refused a place and their child has higher priority in the admissions criteria.
- h. For 'In Year' applications received outside the normal admissions round, if places are available they will be offered to those who apply. If there are places available, but more applicants than places, then the published oversubscription criteria will be applied.
- i. No appeals may be made against any decision for entry to either Nursery Age Group.
- j. The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to the application.
- k. Please note that admission to the Nursery Age Group:
 - Does not guarantee a place in the Reception class
 - Does not guarantee a place for brothers and sisters in subsequent years.