

ALL SOULS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



ADMISSION 2011 ~ 2012

The Admission process is part of the Coventry L.A. co-ordinated scheme. The Admission Policy of the Governors of All Souls' Catholic Primary School is as follows:

The ethos of this school is Catholic. The school was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for children of Catholic families. The school is conducted by its governing body as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Trust Deed and Instrument of Government and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ. We ask all parents applying for a place here to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the right of parents who are not of the faith of this school to apply for and be considered for a place here.

The School's Admission number for the school year beginning September 2011 is 30.

If the number of applications exceeds the admission number, governors will give priority to applications in accordance with the criteria listed, provided that the governors are made aware of that application before decisions on admissions are made (see Note 1 below). A map of the parish is available at the school and parish.

- 1. Baptised Catholic children who are in the care of a local authority (looked after children) or provided with accommodation by them (e.g. children with foster parents) (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989)**
- 2. Baptised Catholic children (see note 2 below) living within the Parish of All Souls who have a brother or sister (see note 3 below) in the school at the time of admission.**
- 3. Baptised Catholic children living within the Parish of All Souls.**
- 4. Baptised Catholic children living outside the Parish of All Souls who have a brother or sister in the school at time of admission.**
- 5. Other Baptised Catholic children living outside the Parish of All Souls.**
- 6. Non-Catholic children who are in the care of a local authority (looked-after children) or provided with accommodation by them (e.g. children with foster parents) (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989)**
- 7. Non-Catholic children who have a brother or sister in the school at time of admission.**
- 8. Non-Catholic children.**

OVER SUBSCRIPTION

If there is over subscription within the category, the Governors will give priority to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the centre of the applicant's home address to the centre of the school site. The local authority uses a computerised system, which measures all distances in miles. Ordnance Survey supply the co-ordinates that are used to plot an applicant's home address within this system (see note 4).

In a very small number of cases, it may not be able to decide between the applicants of those pupils who are qualifiers for a place when applying the published admission criteria.

For example, this may occur when children in the same year group live at the same address, or where there are twins, or if the distance between the home and school is exactly the same, for example, blocks of flats.

If there is no other way of separating the application according to the admissions criteria and to admit both or all of the children would cause the legal limit to be exceeded, the governing body will draw lots to select the child to be offered the final place.

Note 1

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.

Note 2

In all categories, for a child to be considered as a Catholic, evidence of Catholic Baptism or Reception into the Church will be required. For a definition of a Baptised Catholic see the Appendix. Those who face difficulties in producing written evidence of Baptism should contact their Parish Priest. Failure to provide evidence of Baptism may affect the criterion the child's name is placed in.

Note 3

The definition of a brother or sister is:

- *a brother or sister sharing the same parents;*
- *half-brother of half-sister, where two children share one common parent;*
- *step-brother of step sister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage;*
- *adopted or fostered children.*

The children must be living permanently in the same household.

Note 4

The home address of a pupil is considered to be the permanent residence of a child. The address must be the child's only or main residence for the majority of the school week. Documentary evidence may be required. Where care is split equally between mother and father, parents must name which address is to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place.

SCHOOL ENTRY

Children must, by law, start school by the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday. A parent may defer a child's entry to the school, but not beyond the academic year for which the application is accepted. Parents may discuss this with the Headteacher.

NURSERY

Parents must apply on the Local Authority form for a place in the Reception Class. Attendance at All Souls' Nursery or All Sorts' Early Years Care does not automatically guarantee that a place will be offered in main school.

APPEALS

Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Governors to refuse their child a place in the school, may apply in writing to the Chair of Governors. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.

REPEAT APPLICATIONS

Unless there are significant and material changes in the circumstances of a parent's application for their child or the school, the Governors will not consider a repeat application in the same academic year.

LATE APPLICATIONS

Late applications will be dealt with according to the Local Authority co-ordinated scheme.

APPLICATIONS OTHER THAN THE NORMAL INTAKE TO RECEPTION

An application should be made to the Local Authority who will need to consult with the governors.

WAITING LISTS

Waiting lists for admission will remain open until the end of the autumn term and will then be discarded. Parents may apply for their child's name to be reinstated. The waiting list will be kept in admission criteria order.

If any information given in the application form is found to be false, any place offered may be withdrawn.

There is no charge or cost related to the admission of a child to this school.

APPENDIX

DEFINITION OF A “BAPTISED CATHOLIC”

(For use in the Criteria of Admission to Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham)

To establish clarity, consistency and fairness in the application of Criteria of Admission in Catholic Schools in accordance with the Trust Deed of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, it is necessary to define the description of a “Baptised Catholic” for the benefit of parents who are making applications and for governors who formulate and apply the criteria for admissions.

A “Baptised Catholic” is one who:

- Has been baptised into full communion (Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 837*) with the Catholic Church by the Rites of Baptism of one of the various ritual Churches in communion with the See of Rome (i.e. Latin Rite, Byzantine Rite, Coptic, Syriac, etc, Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1203*). Written evidence* of this baptism can be obtained by recourse to the Baptismal Registers of the church in which the baptism took place (Cf. *Code of Canon Law, 877 & 878*).

Or

- Has been validly baptised in a separated ecclesial community and subsequently received into full communion with the Catholic Church by the *Right of Reception of Baptised Christians into the Full Catholic Communion of the Church*. Written evidence of their baptism and reception into full communion with the Catholic Church can be obtained by recourse to the Register of Receptions, or in some cases, a subsection of the Baptismal Registers of the church in which the *Rite of Reception* took place (Cf. *Rite of Christian Initiation, 399*).

WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF BAPTISM

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

Those who would have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism for a good reason, may still be considered as baptised Catholics but only after they have been referred to their parish priest who, after consulting the Vicar General, 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.

Those who would be considered to have good reason for not obtaining written evidence would include those who cannot contact the place of baptism due to persecution or fear, the destruction of the church and the original records, or where baptism was administered validly but not in the Parish church where records are kept.

Governors may request extra supporting evidence when the written documents that are produced do not clarify the fact that a person was baptised or received into the Catholic Church, (i.e. where the name and address of the Church is not on the certificate or where the name of the Church does not state whether it is a Catholic Church or not.)