

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Nursery Admissions Policy

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Huddersfield is under the trusteeship of the Diocese of Leeds and is maintained by Kirklees Local Authority. As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. For the school's year commencing September 1st 2019, the Governing Body has set its Nursery admissions number at 26.

The Catholic Faith and the Teachings of the Catholic Church have an essential role in school life and influence every aspect of the Curriculum. We ask all parents applying for a place at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Huddersfield to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the rights of parents who are not of the Faith of this school to apply for and be considered for a place here.

Nursery admissions are treated differently to Reception admissions. All parents must apply separately for a Reception place. Children entering the Nursery **will not** automatically be offered a place in the Reception Class. The admissions criteria for admission to school will still apply.

Admission to Nursery at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Huddersfield will be on an every morning attendance basis, with sessions taking place 8.55am-11.55am, Monday to Friday, for children who will be four years old between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 and made by the Governing Body in accordance with the parental applications subject to the following set of admissions criteria forming a priority order where there are more applications for admission than the Nursery has places available. The school will maintain a list of pupils whose parents have requested a place in Nursery. Part-time places may be offered in Spring and Summer terms if there are places available.

The admissions criteria are as follows:

1. Baptised Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.
2. Baptised Catholic children residing in the parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Huddersfield.
3. Baptised Catholic children residing in other parishes who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
4. Baptised Catholic children residing in other parishes.
5. Non-Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.
6. Non-Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission
7. Other non-Catholic children whose parents wish them to have a Catholic education.

Closing Date for Applications

The last date for applications to be received is 31st January 2019. Any applications received after this will be placed on a waiting list, according to the above criteria.

Oversubscription

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 by walking distance 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 Authorities computerised measuring system with those living nearer to the school having priority. 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 parents who normally has responsibility for the majority of school days in a week.

Definition of siblings

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.

All Catholic applicants are required to produce baptismal certificates. Baptismal certificates must be forwarded to the school by the closing date. The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a nursery place where false evidence is received in relation to baptism, sibling connections or place of residence.