

# St John's RC Primary School



## Admissions Policy 2017/2018

## Equality Statement

We have carefully considered and analysed the impact of this policy on equality and the possible implications for pupils with protected characteristics, as part of our commitment to meet the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requirement to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.

St John's Chorlton is a Roman Catholic Primary School provided by the Diocese of Salford and maintained by the Manchester Local Authority as a Voluntary Aided School. The school's Governing Body is the Admissions Authority, which is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admission.

The Governors recognise that the first responsibility of the school is to serve the Roman Catholic community for which it has been established. This focused on recognising the Parish communities of St John's.

The school requires prospective Parents/Guardians to complete a supplementary information form, which should be returned to the school by the end of November.

In establishing their oversubscription criteria, the Governors have also taken full account of the Code of Practice produced by the Department for Education and Skills.

(<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/adminandfinance/schooladmissions/a00195/school-admissions-codes-and-regulations> )

Admission to the school will be made by the Governing Body in accordance with the stated parental preferences it receives and subject to the following set of criteria, which will be used to form a priority order if there are more applications for admissions than the school has places.

- 1. Baptised Roman Catholic children who are looked after by a Local Authority and children who were previously looked after by a local authority.**
- 2. Baptised Roman Catholic children who have siblings attending the school at the time the admission would take effect and who are resident in the Parish of St John's.**
- 3. Baptised Roman Catholic children who have a sibling attending St John's at the time of the admission.**
- 4. Baptised Roman Catholic children whose parent is a member of staff at the school**
- 5. Baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident in the Parish of St John's**
- 6. Other Baptised Roman Catholic children.**
- 7. Other looked after children and children who were previously looked after by a local authority.**
- 8. Other children whose parents wish them to have a Roman Catholic education.**

## Notes:

If in any category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of proximity to the school. This will be digitally measured using the Local Authority system. (Distance is to be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the Child's permanent address to the centre point of the school as defined by the Ordnance Survey, the national mapping agency, using the Local Authority's computerized measuring system.)

Looked after is defined as children who are looked after by the local authority and children who were previously looked after by a local authority. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).

A sibling is defined as a brother or sister attending the applied for school when the applicant will take up the place and living at the same address. This includes adopted siblings, stepsiblings and foster children.

Sibling criteria as specified above may be applied whether the sibling is older or younger than the applicant, with the exception of siblings who are in a nursery class of a primary school.

The Governing Body reserves the right to give special consideration to twins or triplets etc to prevent breaking the sibling link. However, the Governing Body must comply with maximum class sizes of 30 children.

Priority will be given to children of staff in both of the following circumstances:

- a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or
- b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.