



St Mary's & St Benedict's Catholic Primary School

Brownedge Lane, Bamber Bridge, Preston PR5 6TA

Phone: 01772 336650; Fax 01772 629482

email head@smsb.lancs.sch.uk

Headteacher Mrs C Ashbrook

DETERMINED ADMISSION POLICY 2018/2019

St Mary's and St Benedict's is a Roman Catholic Primary School in the Diocese of Salford and maintained by the Lancashire Local Authority as a Voluntary Aided School. The School's Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. For the school year commencing September 2018 the Governing Body's planned admission number is 45.

Admission to the school will be made by the Governing Body. All preferences listed on the Local Authority Preference Form will be considered on an equal basis with the following set of admissions criteria forming a priority order where there are more applications for admissions than the school has places available.

1. Baptised Roman Catholic looked after children and previously looked after children.
2. Baptised Roman Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children resident in the parish of St Mary's Brownedge.
4. Baptised Roman Catholic children from other parishes.
5. Non Roman Catholic looked after children and previously looked after children.
6. Non Roman Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
7. Other children.

NOTES

a) Applications for a place in reception in September 2018 must be made on the Common Application Form (CAF) issued online Friday 1st September 2017 (www.lancashire.gov/schools) by Lancashire Local Authority, by the closing date of Monday 15th January 2018. Booklets containing the CAF can be requested if needed, and must be returned to Area Education Office, East Cliff Preston PR1 3JT by the closing date of Monday 15th January 2018. Parents who wish to seek priority under any criterion that requires additional evidence should also complete the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and return it to the school.

b) In the Autumn Term all parents who have expressed an interest in a school place will be sent a letter giving details of the Local Authority admissions arrangements.

c) Parents must complete a Common Application Form and express three preferences for primary school admission. All applicants will be considered by the Governors at the same time in a fair way according to the published criteria.

d) All applicants will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions which is Monday 15th January 2018. Where there are extenuating circumstances for an application being received after the last date for applications, and it is before the governors have established their list of pupils to be admitted, then it will be considered alongside all the others. Otherwise, applications which are received after the last date will be considered after all the others, and placed on the waiting list in order according to the criteria.



lancashire
physical education
mark 2014



e) A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a 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.

f) For a child to be considered Roman Catholic evidence of a Roman Catholic Baptism will be required.

g) It is the duty of Governors to comply with regulations on class size limits at Key Stage One.

h) Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where the cut off point is for addresses within the same building, then the single measure between address points will apply and the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

i) All applicants resident in the parish of St Mary's Brownedge may be required to provide proof of address, by supplying an original, up-to-date, utility bill or Child Benefit Statement.

j) 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 parent who normally has responsibility for the majority of school days in a week.

k) Sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, foster brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the children for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

l) A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admission Criteria. Parents will be informed of their child's position on the waiting list which will not be operated for longer than the end of the Autumn Term.

m) If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Body, parents can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Parents must be allowed at least 20 school days from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful to submit that appeal. Parents must give reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors.

n) Parents can request that the date their child, if below compulsory school age, is admitted to school is deferred to later in the school year or until the term when they reach compulsory school age.

o) The Governing Body reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to baptism, sibling connections or place of residence.

p) The Governing Body is the Admissions Authority. All applications will be looked at by the school's Admissions Committee.

q) Parents will be informed of the Governors' decision by Lancashire Local Authority by mid-April in the year that the child is due to start school. An offer of a place does not guarantee a place for brothers and sisters in subsequent years.

r) Multiple Births – Governing Bodies in Primary/Infant Schools may exceed Key Stage One Regulations for twins and children from multiple births where one of the children is the 30th child admitted and the other(s) are beyond that limit.

s) Deferred admission and part time provision-If your child is due to start school during the next academic year, it is important that you apply for a place for September. If your child's fifth birthday is between the months of September and December, then, if you wish it, admission may be deferred until January; if it is between January and April, then admission may be deferred until the start of the summer term though it is likely to be in your



child's interest to start no later than January. You may also request that your child attend school part time until he/she reaches his/her fifth birthday.

Non-routine admissions

It sometimes happens that a child needs to change school other than at the "normal" time; such admissions are known as non-routine or in-year admissions. Parents wishing their child to attend this school should arrange to visit the school. They will be provided with an application form once they have a definite local address. If there is a place in the appropriate class, then the Governors will arrange for the admission to take place. If there is no place, then the Admissions Committee will consider the application and information about how to appeal against the refusal will be provided. Appeals for children moving into the area will not be considered until there is evidence of a permanent address, e.g. exchange of contracts or tenancy agreement with rent book.

Please note that you cannot re-appeal for a place at a school within the same school year unless there has been relevant, significant and material change in the family circumstances.



SUPPLEMENTARY FAITH REQUEST FORM

**St Mary's & St Benedict's RC Primary School
(07/014)**

Name of Applicant:.....

Address of Applicant:.....

Parish Community in which you live/worship:.....

Please confirm that the applicant is a baptised Catholic

Yes No

Parish in which the applicant was baptised:.....

The Baptismal Certificate must be presented to the school

Signed (Parent / Carer):.....

Date:

