

Mount Carmel Roman Catholic High School

Wordsworth Road
Accrington BB5 0LU
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11-16 Mixed Comprehensive

Head: Mr X Bowers
Number on Roll January 2019: 754
Admission number for Year 7: 162

ADMISSION POLICY FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

The governing body of Mount Carmel RC High School will be using an equal preference model when considering admission to their school. This means that all applications will be considered equally against the schools published admissions policy and when considering admission the schools will not be aware if the application made is a first, second or third preference. For the school year commencing September 2020 the Governing Body has set its planned admissions number at 162.

The governing body will inform the Local Authority of the children who are to be offered admission. The LA will ensure that no child is offered admission of more than one school. If any children can be offered places at more than one school, the LA will offer the place at the school which is the highest ranked. For example, if a child can be offered a place at the 1st and 2nd preference school, a place will only be offered at the 1st preference school.

In order to maximise the chance of gaining admission at the Roman Catholic school of your choice, parents/carers are advised to indicate the Roman Catholic school they would like their child to most attend as their 1st preference.

The Governors recognise that the first responsibility of the school is to serve the Roman Catholic Community for which it has been established. This is focused on designated parish communities and the Roman Catholic primary schools that are partners in providing those communities. The governors would also like to serve families of other Christian faiths whose children attend other Christian faith primary schools in Hyndburn and families whose children who do not attend a Christian faith primary school but who live in the Church and Oswaldtwistle area. In establishing their admissions criteria the Governors have also taken full account of the Code of Practice produced by the DfE.

All preferences listed on the Local Authority Application Form will be considered on an equal basis with the following set of admissions criteria used to form a priority order if there are more applications for admission than the school has places available. In the criteria the following meanings will apply:

- (a) Roman Catholic Student means one Baptised in a Roman Catholic Church or a baptised Christian subsequently received into the Roman Catholic Church.*
- (b) Sibling includes half and step brothers and sisters and fostered and adopted children living in the same household. The children of partners living in the same household will be treated as siblings provided both partners confirm in writing that they are so treated by all in the household;*
- (c) Home (or place where the pupil lives) where a pupil has more than one home will be where the pupil lives for the majority of the weekdays during school terms; if there is any doubt about this, then the address of the Child Benefit recipient will be used. Parents may be asked to show evidence of the claim that is being made for the address used.*
- (d) Where a move into a Parish is proposed the Governors will require written confirmation of the position from a solicitor or proposed landlord;*
- (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 an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.*

THE CRITERIA

1 Catholic pupil who:

- a) is a looked after or previously looked after child
- b) all other Catholic pupils

2 Christian pupil who:

- a) is a looked after or previously looked after child
- b) all other Christian pupils

3 Non-faith pupil who:

- a) is a looked after or previously looked after child
 - b) is attending an 'associated primary school'
 - c) has a sibling who would be concurrently on role at the school
 - d) any other pupil
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'ASSOCIATED PRIMARY SCHOOLS'

St Oswald's Accrington, Sacred Heart Accrington, St Mary's Oswaldtwistle, St Mary's Clayton-Le-Moors, St Anne's & St Joseph's Accrington, Hippings Methodist Primary, St Andrew's CE Primary, Green Haworth CE Primary, St Peter's CE Primary, St Nicholas CE Primary, St Paul's CE Primary, Moor End, West End, St John's with St Augustine's CE Primary, St Mary Magdalene's CE Primary, Knuzden St Oswald's CE Primary, Benjamin Hargreaves CE Primary, All Saints CE Primary, Altham St James CE Primary, Baxenden St John's CE Primary

TIE BREAK

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).

TRANSPORT

Mount Carmel is now subsidising the cost of bus fares by **50%** on 867 & 869 bus routes covering routes from Oswaldtwistle and Clayton-le-Moors.

Notes

- a) All applicants will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admission which will be indicated in the ADM2 booklet.
- b) If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Body, parents can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This appeal must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the school within 20 days of refusal. The parents must give their reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on all parties.
- c) Late Applications: 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.
- d) Any applicant wishing to be placed on a waiting list, once the published planned admissions number has been reached, must be fully aware that the following will apply in all cases.

Offers will be determined with strict regard to the published admissions policy and not on a "first come, first served basis". A waiting list will be maintained for the full Autumn Term in the academic year of admission, and priority will be in accordance with the published Admission

Policy. Where there are twins wanting admission and there is only a single place left within the admission number, then the Governing Body will exercise as much flexibility as possible. If places for twins or all triplets, etc., cannot be offered, the family will be advised accordingly. This may also apply to siblings who are in the same year group. If only a single place can be offered for twins, then the Local Authority's system for a random draw will decide which pupil receives an offer.

It sometimes happens that a child needs to change school other than at the "normal" time; such admissions are known as non-routine admissions. In Year applications can now be made direct to the school. If you wish to visit the school before submitting an application, then please contact us.

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-apply for a place at a school within the same school year unless there has been relevant, significant and material change in the family circumstances.

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.

Policy Determined by the Governing Body: September 2018



PUPILS ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2020– MOUNT CARMEL R C HIGH SCHOOL

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET

This Additional Information Sheet should be completed and sent back to Mount Carmel RC High School, Wordsworth Road, Accrington, BB5 0LU by post – or handed into the school office marked “Pupil Admissions 2020” by 31 October 2019.

Please note: This is a SUPPLEMENTARY Admissions form, and you are still required to complete your admissions booklet which has been circulated by the Local Authority.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Child.....

Date of Birth.....

Address.....

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**2. FAITH INFORMATION Has your child been baptised into the Roman Catholic Church?
YES/NO**

If not Roman Catholic, has your child been baptised or confirmed? **YES/NO**

If yes, give name of the Church.....

Address/Town.....

Denomination.....

Is your child practicing his/her faith? **YES/NO**

Frequency of attendance e.g. weekly, festivals, etc.....

3. PRIMARY SCHOOL DETAILS:

Does your child attend an associated primary school? YES/NO (please tick the appropriate box)

All Saints CE Primary	
Altham St James CE Primary	
Baxenden St John's CE Primary	
Benjamin Hargreaves CE Primary	
Green Howarth CE Primary	
Hippings Methodist Primary	
Knuzden St Oswald's CE Primary	
Moor End Primary	
Sacred Heart RC Primary	
St Andrew's CE Primary	
St Anne's & St Joseph's RC Primary	
St John's with St Augustine's CE Primary	
St Mary Magdalene's CE Primary	
St Mary's RC Primary Clayton-le-Moors	
St Mary's RC Primary Oswaldtwistle	
St Nicholas CE Primary	
St Oswald's RC Primary	
St Paul's CE Primary	
St Peter's CE Primary	
West End Primary	

4. SIBLINGS:

Details of brothers or sisters who will already be attending Mount Carmel on 1 September 2019 (brothers and sisters include stepchildren, half-brothers and sisters, adopted and foster children living with the same family **and at the same address**).

Name	Date of Birth	Male	Female
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. IS YOUR CHILD IN THE CARE OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY YES/NO

6. DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A STATEMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS YES/NO

7. Any other relevant information, in accordance with the Mount Carmel's Admission Criteria, that you wish the Governors to consider: (use a separate sheet if necessary).

PLEASE SIGN BELOW:

Signed.....PARENT/CARER