



ST MARY'S R C PRIMARY SCHOOL
LIME ROAD, HASLINGDEN

"Our school, our family, modelled on Christ"

DETERMINED ADMISSIONS POLICY 2021-22

St Mary's is a Catholic Primary School under the trusteeship of the Diocese of Salford. It is maintained by Lancashire Authority. As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. The co-ordination of admissions arrangements is undertaken by the Local Authority. For the school's year commencing September 2021, The Governing Body has determined that the number of children to be admitted to the Reception Year will be 20.

Admissions to the school will be determined by the Governing Board. Parents must apply online via the website: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>. (from 1st September 2021) and completed no later than 15th January 2022. If making an online application is not possible there is a paper application form available from the East Area Education Office. You can contact them on 01254 220 747.

If you wish to have your application considered against the school's religious criteria, then you must ALSO complete the Supplementary Form which is available from the school and returned by 15th January 2022.

If there are fewer than 20 applications, all applicants will be offered places. If there are more applications than the number of places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied:

1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.
2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children resident in ***the former parish of Immaculate Conception.***
4. Other baptised Catholic children ***including those resident in the former parish of St. Veronica***
5. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
6. All remaining applicants.

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criterion above, priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by the proximity to the school measured by a straight line 'radial' measure between the centre of the family home to the centre of the school. In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applicants where this distance would determine the last place/s to be allocated, the local

authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

Notes for Applicants:

a. All applications will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions which is 15 January 2022. Applications received after this date will be treated as a late application and will not be considered until after the main allocation of places has taken place.

b. 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.

c. For a child to be considered as a Catholic evidence of a Catholic Baptism or reception into the Catholic Church is required. Written evidence of reception into the Catholic Church can be obtained by referring to the Register of Receptions, or in some cases a sub-section of the Baptismal Registers of the Church in which the Rite of Reception took place. If, for example, a child has been baptised in the Church of England and the parents are subsequently admitted to the Catholic Church through the RCIA programme, the child must also be admitted to the Church by the Rite of Reception.

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

Those who 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 the parish priest who, after consulting with the [appropriate diocesan authority] 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.

d. Home Address is considered to be the address where the child normally lives. Where care is split and a child moves between two addresses, the household in receipt of the child benefit would normally be the address used but the admission authority body reserves the right to request other evidence as fit the individual circumstance. Applicants should not state the address of another relative or person who has daily care of the child.

e. 'Sibling' is defined in these arrangements as full, half or step brothers and sisters, adopted and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit. This does not include cousins or other family relationships.

f. A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept until the 31st December 2020 and will be ranked according to the Admission Criteria. The waiting list does not consider the date the application was received, or the length of time a child's name has been on the waiting list. This means that a child's position on the list may change if another applicant is refused a place and their child has higher priority in the admissions criteria.

g. For 'In Year' applications received outside the normal admissions round, if places are available, they will be offered to those who apply. If there are places available but more applicants than places, then the published oversubscription criteria will be applied.

h. If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Board, parents may appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Parents must be allowed at least twenty 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.

i. The Governing Body reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to the application.

j. It is the duty of governors to comply with regulations on class size limits for children aged between rising five and seven. The Governing Board may exceed the regulations for twins and children from multiple births where one of the children is the 30th child admitted. This also applies to in-year applicants who are Looked After/previously Looked After Children of UK service personnel or children who move into the area for whom there is no other school available within a reasonable distance.

k. If your child's fifth birthday is between April and August then they can start school from the September after this takes place. The expectation would be that parents have decided that the child will miss the full reception year and they would have to apply for Year 1 places (if any remained available). Requests for full year deferral with a retained reception start will be considered individually. Parents would be expected to provide substantial and exceptional evidence of the need for this to happen (personal views and reference to national research will not suffice). Further information is on the Local Authority web site at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools (Primary Admission Information for Parents)

l. Parents may request that their child attend school part-time until he/she reaches his/her fifth birthday.

**DIOCESE OF SALFORD
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM: 2020-2021 ADMISSIONS**

ST MARY'S R C PRIMARY SCHOOL, HASLINGDEN

DISTRICT NO: 14

SCHOOL NO: 032

LOCAL AUTHORITY: LANCASHIRE

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS AND RETURN TO SCHOOL BY 15TH JANUARY 2022

SURNAME OF CHILD: _____

FORNAME(S): _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

Parish Community in which you live / worship:

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PLACE OF BAPTISM: _____

PARISH _____

PARISH LOCATION (TOWN/CITY) _____

PARISH COMMUNITY IN WHICH YOU LIVE/WORSHIP: _____

You are asked to enclose a copy of the baptismal certificate with this form. If this is not possible explain below.

Signed _____

DATE: _____