

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE R.C. 2015 - 2016 **NURSERY** ADMISSION POLICY

The governing body of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary School is the Admission Authority for this school. The governing body intends to admit 26 part-time pupils to Nursery class in September 2015 with a further 9 pupils in January 2016 (preference will be given to older children in this instance). A map outlining the parish boundary is available for inspection at the school.

The Admissions Policy criteria will be applied on an equal preference basis.

Catholic Children are deemed to be baptised Catholics or formally received into the Catholic Church.

In the first instance, children who have a Statement of Special Educational Need which names our school will be admitted to the school.

Late Applications

Any applications received after the closing date will be accepted but considered only after those received by the closing date have been considered in their relevant category.

Parents are asked to note that admission to the Nursery unit is no guarantee of entry into the main school.

Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are insufficient places available to meet all parental preferences, priority will be given to applications in the following order:

(First priority in each category will be given to children who will have older siblings attending the school in September 2015)

1. Looked after Catholic children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
2. Catholic Children whose home address is within the parish boundaries of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish.
3. Catholic Children whose home address is outside of the parish boundaries of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish.
4. Looked after non-Catholic children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
5. Children, who are baptised or dedicated members of other Christian Churches as recognised by Churches Together in England (see note 4).
6. Children of other Faith traditions.
7. Other children.

If applicants are seeking admission under criteria 5 & 6 above, they will be asked for a letter of support to confirm their church membership from their minister or Faith leader, or suitable equivalent.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. Definition of Catholic

Children who have been baptised as Catholics or have been formally received into the Catholic Church. All applicants seeking admission under criteria 1, 2 & 3 will be asked to provide evidence that the child has been baptised as a Catholic or has been received into the Catholic Church. A baptismal certificate or a letter from their priest confirming their baptism or reception into the Catholic Church will suffice.

2. Definition of a Looked After Child

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 (see the definition in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989).

An adoption order is an order made under section 46 of the Adoption of Children Act 2002.

A residence order is an order outlining the arrangements as to the person with whom the child will live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989.

A special guardianship order is an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian or guardians' (Section 14A Children Act 1989).

3. Definition of Sibling

An older brother/sister or older child (including adoptive and step-children) that shares the same parent/carer and lives at the same address, who will still be attending the preferred school at the time of admission

4. Churches Together in England

(See www.churches-together.org.uk for further details on membership)

Tie-breaker

Where there are places available for some but not all applicants within criterion 1,2 and 3, the length of time elapsing between the date of birth and date of Baptism will be the deciding factor. The shortest period between the birth of the child and the date of Baptism will receive the higher priority.

In criterion 4, 5, 6 and 7 the tie-breaker will be distance from home to school when measured by the shortest walking route. Measurements will be calculated using the Local Authority's Geographical Information System, (GIS.)

Right of Appeal

Where a parent has been notified that a place is not available for a child, every effort will be made to help the parent to find a place in a suitable alternative school. Parents who are refused a place have a statutory right of appeal. Further details of the appeals process are available by writing to the Chair of Governors at the school address.

Home Address

It is the parental address which will be used in applying the admission criteria. This means that, when stating your choice of school, you should give the parent/carer's address at the time of application. The address of childminders or other family members who may share in the care of your child should not be quoted as the home address.

Waiting Lists

If your child has been refused admission, you can request that your child's name be placed on the school's waiting list. If places become available we will consider all relevant applications based on the waiting list, which will be maintained until 31st December 2016.

Application Information

Formal written applications for admission must be made on the form provided by the Local Authority and returned to them by the stated date. Places will then be allocated by strict application of the above criteria, with no reference to the date of application. Parents will be notified as to whether or not their child has been allocated a place on the date published by the Local Authority.