



Admissions Policy 2017-2018 Sacred Heart RC Primary School Mission Statement

Learning and living by Jesus' example in the Gospels

Offering a safe, healthy and stimulating environment in which to grow

Valuing and respecting everyone including our wider community

Empowering children to achieve and meet life's challenges

Sacred Heart is a Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided primary school. The school is provided by the Diocese of Salford and maintained by Rochdale Local Authority.

The School's Governing Body is the admissions authority and is therefore responsible for making all decisions on applications for admissions.

For the school year commencing September 2016, the Governing Body has set its planned admission number at 30. The governors will admit any children with a statement of SEN naming the school.

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

1. Children who are in Public Care or have previously been in the care of the Local Authority
2. Baptised Roman Catholic children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission and resident in the parish of Sacred Heart
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children resident in the parish of Sacred Heart
4. Other baptised Roman Catholic children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission and are resident in another parish.

5. Other baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident in another parish or have previously been in the care of the Local Authority
6. Other children who are in public care.
7. Other children, with a brother or sister* attending the school at the time of admission.
8. Other children.

* see section k

NOTES

- a) All applicants will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions which is 15th **January 2017**.
- b) Each Roman Catholic applicant will be required to produce a baptismal certificate
- c) Parents should check carefully whether they are resident within the parish boundary of Sacred Heart. A map illustrating the boundary is attached.
- d) It is the duty of governors to comply with class size limits at Key Stage One. This means that the school cannot operate classes in Key Stage One of more than 30 children.
- e) If in any category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of a) Looked After Children b) proximity to the school.
- f) The Governing Body reserve the right to admit children within proven and exceptional medical and social needs where admission to the school might best help satisfy those exceptional needs, providing that such application is submitted with appropriate evidence from a doctor or social worker
- g) 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 14 days of notification of refusal. The date of notification will be 2 working days after posting by first class post. The parents must give their reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors.
- h) Admission arrangements to the reception class are **separate** to those for the Nursery. Attendance at the Nursery does not give a child any guarantee or priority when it comes to consideration by the governors of applicants for admission to the Reception class. Applications for Reception are based on the criteria stated in this policy.
- i) It is the duty of governors to comply with regulations on class size limits at Key Stage One. The Governing Body may exceed KS1 Class Size

