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St Mary's R.C. Primary School



Admission Policy

2015/2016

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Admissions Policy

Name of School: St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Primary School

Date policy applies: Academic Year 2015/2016

Address /contact details: Catholic Road, Brynmawr, Blaenau Gwent NP23 4EF

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Age range: 3-11yrs

Number on roll: 224

Planned Admission Number: 30

School capacity: 232 (Excluding Nursery)

No of nursery places if applicable: 53

With regards to all admissions matters the Governing Body is aware the school was founded by the Church for the purpose of providing a Catholic education for Catholic children; **however the Governing Body is also aware of the obligations and duties placed upon it by the repeal of Section 91 of the 1998 Education Act under Section 49 of the Education Act 2002 and the School Admissions Code 2009, all admissions strictly adhere to these obligations and duties.**

The Education Act 1980, Section (6), gives the right to express a preference as to which school their children attend. If the number of applications received for September (2013) matches or is below our published planned admissions number then places will be allocated to all applicants. In the event that the applications for places exceed the published planned admission number the following **Oversubscription Criteria** will be applied:

Oversubscription Criteria

If there are more applications than there are places available in the school, then the governors will give priority of admission as follows;



1. Roman Catholic children previously or currently looked after by the Local Authority.
 2. Looked after children from other or no faiths, previously or currently looked after by the Local Authority.
 3. Baptised Catholic children whose families are resident in the parish/es of St. Mary's Brynmawr & St. Mary's Abertillery.
 4. The Baptised Roman Catholic children residing outside the catchment area.
 5. The non-Baptised children of Roman Catholic parents residing in the catchment area of the school.
 6. The non-Baptised children of Roman Catholic parents residing outside the catchment area of the school.
 7. Siblings (e.g. full, half or step brother/sister, adopted or fostered) of Non-Catholic children who are already pupils in the school.
- The Governors will consider applications for:
 - (a) Non Catholic children whose parents are seeking a Christian education for their children.
 - (b) Children of other Christian denominations.
 - (c) Children of other world faiths.
 - (d) Non Catholic children for social reasons.
 - (e) Children who have an exceptional medical or social need

Moving From Nursery to Reception Class

Admission to the School's Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception class. The governing body asks all parents to make a separate application if you want your child to move from Nursery to Reception Class.

Twins/Multiple Births

Where there are twins or multiple birth children wanting admission and there is only one single place left within the admission number, then the Governing Body will exercise as much flexibility as possible within the requirements of Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 class sizes. In exceptional circumstances we are now able to offer places for both twins and all triplets even when this means breaching class size limits. This may also apply to children who are siblings within the same year group.

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Tie Breaker

If the governing body are unable to admit all applicants who fall into the lowest criterion a tie-breaker will be applied where priority is given to children who live closest to the school, the distance being measured via a safe walking route, using a digital mapping system.

Waiting Lists

Where a place has been refused, the application will be placed on a waiting list. Applications received in the normal allocation of places will remain on the waiting list until 30th September 2015. Applications received outside of the annual allocation of places for in year admission will remain on the waiting list until the end of the term in which the application is made. After this time parents will be expected to make a further application for admission.

Right of Appeal

Unsuccessful applicants have the statutory right of appeal. Any such appeal will be presented to an independent Appeals Panel, the decision of which will be binding on both parties. Details of the appeals process are available on request to the *Clerk of Governors, Miss Holly Davis, St. Mary's R.C. Primary School, Catholic Road, Brynmawr, Blaenau Gwent NP23 4EF.*

Parents will have 14 days to submit their appeal and this turn will be heard within 30 school days.

Signed: Tim Baxter (Headteacher)

Signed: Tim Pritchard (Chair of Governors)

Policy Agreed: 11th October 2014

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