

# St John Bosco RC Primary School

## Nursery Admission Policy 2021/2022



St John Bosco Catholic Primary School is under the trusteeship of the Diocese of Salford and is maintained by Manchester Local Authority. As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. For the school's year commencing September 2022, the Governing Body has set its admissions number at 36.

The Catholic Faith and the Teachings of the Catholic Church have an essential role in school life and influence every aspect of the Curriculum. We ask all parents applying for a place at St John Bosco to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the rights of parents who are not of the Faith of this school to apply for and be considered for a place here.

Nursery admissions are treated differently to Reception admissions. All parents must apply separately for a Reception place. Children entering the Nursery **will not** automatically be offered a place in the Reception Class. The admissions criteria for admission to school will still apply.

Admission to Nursery at St John Bosco RC Primary will be on a full time basis\* for children who will be four years old between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 and made by the Governing Body in accordance with the parental applications subject to the following set of admissions criteria forming a priority order where there are more applications for admission than the Nursery has places available.

The school will maintain a list of pupils whose parents have requested a place in Nursery. Part-time places may be offered in Spring and Summer terms if there are places available.

The admissions criteria are as follows:

1. Baptised Catholic Looked After Children or previously Looked After Children. (Previously Looked After Children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.)
2. Children with an exceptional social, medical, educational or religious need which can be best met, or only met at St John Bosco.
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission and resident in the former parish of St John Bosco.
4. Other baptised Roman Catholic children resident in the former parish of St John Bosco.
5. Other baptised Roman Catholic children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission, resident in another parish.
6. Other baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident in another parish.
7. Other Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.
8. Other children who have a sibling at the school at the time of admission.
9. Other children.

### **Oversubscription**

If in any category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to school. Distance will be measured by walking distance from the front door of the child's home address (including the community entrance to flats) to the main entrance of the school using the Local Authorities computerised measuring system with those living nearer to the school having priority. Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for part of a week, the child's 'permanent place of residence' will be determined as the address of the parents who normally has responsibility for the majority of school days in a week.

### **Definition of siblings**

Sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

All Catholic applicants are required to produce baptismal certificates. Baptismal certificates must be forwarded to the school by the closing date. The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a nursery place where false evidence is received in relation to baptism, sibling connections or place of residence.

**The closing date for applications to St John Bosco Nursery is 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

\* According to the needs of the individual child. Children who find it difficult to settle or have additional needs may attend part time.