

## ADMISSION CRITERIA for HOLY NAME NURSERY SETTING



The Governors are responsible for admissions.

The primary role of our school Nursery is to provide an education for the children at the commencement of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The Nursery Unit will provide **26** morning places consisting of daily **three-hour** sessions.

If the number of applications exceeds the admission number, the governors will give priority to applications in accordance with the criteria listed, provided that the governors are made aware of that application before decisions on admissions are made. A map of the parish boundary is available to view at the school and parish or by post on request.

1. Baptised Catholic children who are in the care of a local authority (looked-after children) or provided with accommodation by them (e.g. children with foster parents) (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) and children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
2. Baptised Catholic children with a brother or sister already in the school, at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children living within the boundary of Holy Name Parish.
4. Any other Baptised Catholic children living outside the boundary of Holy Name Parish.
5. Non-Catholic children who are in the care of a local authority (looked-after children) or provided with accommodation by them (e.g. children with foster parents) (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) and children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
6. Non-Catholic children who seek a Catholic education and support the religious character of the school, who have a brother or sister in the school, at the time of admission.
7. Non-Catholic children who seek a Catholic education and support the religious character of the school, living within the boundary of Holy Name Parish.
8. Any other applicants.

If there is over-subscription within the category, the Governors will give priority to children living closest to the school determined by shortest distance. Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the front door of the applicant's home address and the main entrance of the school as defined by the headteacher. The Local Authority uses a computerised system, which measures all distances in miles. Ordnance Survey supply the co-ordinates that are used to plot an applicant's home address within this system.

The definition of a brother or sister is:

- A brother or sister sharing the same parents;
- Half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one common parent;
- Step-brother or step-sister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage;
- Adopted or fostered children;
- The children must be living permanently in the same household.

**There is no appeal process for non-statutory children.**

Parents **must apply for a Reception place** in exactly the same way as parents of children not attending the

Nursery. Admission to the Nursery setting has no connection to Reception place admissions. This is a completely separate admissions process.