

St Aelred's RC Primary School Admissions Policy

Admissions

The first Admission to school is usually made when a child is about 3 years and 3 months old and ready to start, part-time in our Foundation Stage when parents/guardians are asked to fill in our own Admission Form.

Admission for formal full time education takes place in the year that a child is 5 years old and parents/guardians are asked to fill in our Local Authority Common Admissions Form at that time.

If demand for places is high at either of these two times of admission the following oversubscription criteria are followed to allocate places. As we are a Catholic school first preferences are given to catholic children, though we accept any child if we have a place available.

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Catholic Children who are "Looked After Children" (Children in the care of the LA)
2. Catholic Children whose home address is within the parish boundaries of St Aelred's Parish
3. Catholic Children whose home address is outside of the parish boundaries of St Aelred's Parish, but who regularly worship in the Church of St Aelred's Parish.
4. Catholic Children whose home address is outside of the parish boundaries of St Aelred's Parish with a brother or sister already attending the school at the time of admission.
5. Catholic Children whose home address is outside of the parish boundaries of St Aelred's Parish who do not have a brother or sister already attending the school at the time of admission.
6. Non-Catholic Children who are "Looked After Children" (Children in the care of the LA).
7. Children of other Christian denominations who have a brother or sister already attending the school at the time of admission.
8. Children of other Faith traditions who have a brother or sister already attending the school at the time of admission.
9. Children of other Christian denominations who do not have a brother or sister at the school.
10. Children of other Faith traditions who do not have a brother or sister at the school.
11. Other children who have a brother or sister already attending the school at the time of admission.

12. Other children who do not have a brother or sister at the school.

Our Admissions Policy is updated annually to take into account changing deadlines and dates each year and copies of our Admissions Policies for admission into part-time Foundation Stage (Nursery) and full-time school when your child is 5 years old are available from the school office along with the relevant Admission Application Form.

Waiting Lists

In addition to their right of appeal, unsuccessful candidates will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. This waiting list will be maintained in order of the over subscription criteria set out above and not in the order of which applications are received or added to the list.

Deferred Entry

A parent may secure a place at St. Aelred's under the normal admission arrangements but choose to postpone their child's admission to the school until the term after a child turns five. It is a legal requirement that all children must enter formal full time education in the term after their fifth birthday.