



## NURSERY ADMISSIONS POLICY 2017-18

ADMISSION TO THE NURSERY CLASS at St Mary's Catholic Primary School will be on either a part time basis or full time basis and made by the Governing Body in accordance with the parental applications subject to the following ADMISSIONS CRITERIA forming a priority order where there are more applications for admission than the Nursery has places available. For the school year commencing September 2017 the Governing Body has set its admissions number at 52 (26 places per session).

1. Baptised Roman Catholic Looked After Children, Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children
2. Baptised Roman Catholic children who have a sibling in the Primary School at the time of admission
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children resident in the parish of St Mary's
4. Baptised Catholic children from other parishes
5. Other children who have a sibling in the Primary School at the time of admission
6. Other children.

### Notes:

- A Looked After Child is a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their Social Services functions (under section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989. A previously Looked After Child is one who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
- For a child to be considered as a Roman Catholic, evidence of a Catholic Baptism will be required.
- An admission to the Nursery does not necessarily secure admission to the Primary School.
- The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to baptism, sibling connections or place of residence.
- Where there are more requests for a session than places available, the decision regarding the allocation of a morning or afternoon session will be based on the time and date the application for admission to nursery form was received in the school office.
- The Parish of St Mary's Crewe is as defined on the Parish Boundary Map determined during the Diocesan Property Review.
- 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 in a straight line 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

Authority's computerized measuring system with those living nearer to the school having priority. In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applications where this distance would be last place/s to be allocated, a random lottery will be carried out in a public place. All names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

- 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 parent who normally has responsibility for the majority of school days in a week.
- Sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or 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.