

ADMISSION

Arrangements for the admission of pupils to St Columba's Catholic Primary School in the year commencing September 2018.

Parents who wish to express a preference for their child to have education provided in this School, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Education Act 1980, should submit an application for admission.

All applications for admission will be considered in accordance with the Admissions Procedure.

Parents are welcome to visit school prior to their child's admission. During the summer term parents are invited formally to visit school in order to look around, talk to staff and governors and discuss any relevant issues.

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Our school works with families, parishes and the community to provide all our children with opportunities which will help them grow in the knowledge and love of God and each other.

We will help them to develop as a whole person by providing a curriculum which will embrace the individual needs of all pupils.

This will be done within a Catholic setting which seeks to follow the love and teachings of Jesus Christ.

"I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full"

(John 10 : 10)

Reviewed and amended by the Governors – April 2018

Diocesan Primary Schools

St Columba's is a Catholic Primary School under the trusteeship of the Diocese of Lancaster. It is maintained by Cumbria Local Authority. As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. The co-ordination of admissions arrangements is undertaken by the Local Authority. For the school's year commencing September 2019, the Governing Body has set its admissions number at 30.

St Columba's Catholic Primary School – Mission Statement

St Columba's Catholic Primary School exists to work in partnership with families, Parishes and the Community to provide our children with opportunities which will help them grow in the knowledge and love of God and their neighbour and to develop as a whole person. This will be achieved as part of a full, broad and balanced curriculum. We will take account of the stage of development of each individual child and provide an appropriate education within a Catholic environment.

Admission Number - 30
Age Range 4 – 11
Number on Roll 197
Status: Voluntary Aided
Intake: Co-educational

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY (RECEPTION TO YEAR 6)

The Governors Admissions Committee and the LA Admissions and Appeals Team administer admissions to the school. Parents who wish to send their child to St Columba's Catholic Primary school should send the completed preference form and any other necessary documents to the LA and the school by 15th January 2019.

The Standard Number for Admissions and the Planned Admissions Number for Reception to Year 6 are 30.

ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL will be made by the Governing Body. All preferences listed on the Local Authority Preference Form will be considered on an equal basis with the following set of ADMISSIONS CRITERIA forming a priority order where there are more applications for admissions than the school has places available.

The Admissions Policy will be used in deciding planned admissions into the Reception Class and in-year admissions into other classes at other times of the year.

The admissions authority will apply the following criteria in strict order of priority:

1. *Baptised Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.*
2. *Baptised Catholic children resident in the Parishes of St Columba's with St Patrick's Church, as they existed prior to the amalgamation of all Barrow parishes on 20th July 2013 into Our Lady of Furness Parish, who will have a sibling at St Columba's Catholic Primary School at the time of admission.*
3. *Baptised Catholic children resident in the Parishes of St Columba's with St Patrick's Church, as they existed prior to the amalgamation of all Barrow parishes on 20th July 2013 into Our Lady of Furness Parish.*
4. *Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of Our Lady of Furness, who will have a sibling at St Columba's Catholic Primary School at the time of admission.*
5. *Baptised Catholic children resident in other parishes.*
6. *Non-Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.*
7. *Non-Catholic children who will have a sibling at St Columba's Catholic Primary School at the time of admission.*
8. *Baptised Non-Catholic children. Verification will be required from the Priest or Minister where the child was baptised.*

9. *Other children.*

In the event of over subscription, and after implementation of the above criteria, preference will be given to children living nearest to the school as measured by the shortest walking route from home to school.

Distance measurements will be undertaken using the Local Authority's computerised Geographical Information (GIS) and will be from the pupil's home to the nearest entrance on the school site which is available to pupils at the time of undertaking the assessment. The route used will be the shortest walking route by road as identified by GIS at the time.

Applications will be prioritised using the above criteria. An exception will be made if a child has a statement of special educational needs or Education, Health and Care Plan, naming St Columba's Catholic Primary School. Irrespective of the criteria, the Governors have a statutory duty to admit the child.

Parents must complete the common application form available from the Local Authority. Parents who wish their application to this Catholic school to be considered against the priority faith criteria should also complete the school's supplementary information form. If the school is oversubscribed, failure to complete the supplementary form may result in your application for a place in this school being considered against lower priority criteria, as the Governing Body will have no information upon which to assess the application on the basis of the applicant's baptism, the supplementary information form should be returned with your admission application. Each Catholic applicant will be required to produce a baptismal certificate or other evidence of baptism.

Supplementary Information Forms are issued by the school with Starting School Packs

WAITING LIST

Children who are not allocated a place maybe placed on the School's waiting list, until the end of the Autumn term. If a place becomes available the school will tell all appropriate names on the list to contact school places team and the Governors will apply the admissions policy. The child with the highest priority will be offered a place irrespective of the length of time he/she has been on the waiting list. If parents request, they will be informed of the ranking of their child on the list.

If a parent wishes to appeal against a decision on admissions Appeal Forms are available from the school and must be returned to the school for the attention of the Governing Body within 20 school days of receiving the original decision. This is an appeal to the Independent Appeals Panel

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

Twins/ multiple siblings

The Governing Body may exceed Key Stage 1 class size regulations for twins and children from multiple births where on child is the 30th child admitted and the other's) is/are beyond that 30 limit.

Explanatory Notes:

- A Looked After child who is (a) in care of the 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, child arrangement order or special guardianship order.
- For a child to be considered as a Catholic evidence of a Catholic Baptism will be required.
- 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.
- For 'In Year' applications received outside the normal admissions round and if places are available then children qualifying under the published criteria will be admitted. If there are places available but more applicants than places then the published oversubscription criteria will be applied.
- Parents can request that the date their child, if below compulsory school age, is admitted to school is deferred to later in the school year or until the term when they reach compulsory school age.
- The Governing Body reserve 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.

Children admitted Sept 2017

<i>Category 1</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Category 2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Category 3</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Category 4</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Category 5</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Category 6</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Category 7</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Category 8</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Category 9</i>	<i>1</i>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM



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Surname of Child	
Forename (s)	
Date of Birth	

Address of Child		
		Postcode
Telephone Number		

Is your child Baptised?	
Catholic	Non-Catholic

For Baptised Roman Catholics	
Month of Baptism	Year
Parish	
Parish Location (Town / City)	

You are asked to enclose a copy of the baptismal certificate with this form. If this is not possible, please explain below:-

Signed	Name: Please print
Relationship	Date: