

GOVERNORS' ADMISSIONS POLICY 2019-2020

The Governors of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School welcomes pupils of parents who support their Christian aims for the school and who will actively support the Governors, and work in partnership with staff, in developing a happy, hard working school.

Admissions Criteria

- A. All children whose statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care Plan names St Patricks Catholic Primary School.
- B. Then, looked after children (children in public care), and previously looked after children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).
- C. Children who have been baptised Catholic who live in the parish of St Mary's, Cleator with a sibling in the school at the time of expected admission.
- D. Other baptised Catholic children who live in the Parish of St Mary's, Cleator.
- E. Other baptised Catholic children with a sibling in the school at the time of expected admissions from other parishes.
- F. Other baptised Catholic children from other parishes.
- G. Baptised Christian children with a sibling in the school at the time of expected admission.
- H. Baptised Christian children.

Tie Breakers

In some categories if the number of applications is greater than the places available, places will be allocated in the following order of priority:

- 1 *Children who currently have a brother or sister in the school at the time of admission. NB. Priority will be given to those with the youngest siblings.*
- 2 *Children living nearest the school as measured by a straight line using an approved measurement from online map system Google Maps.*

Notes

1. *In order for your application to be ranked in a higher category a certificate of baptism will be required with the application form*
2. *A sibling means a full, half, step, foster brother or sister, or adopted sibling. (residing in the same household)*
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3. *Where shared arrangements are in place, home address will be determined by the address of the parent receiving child benefit.*

Arrangements for the Admission of New Pupils

The Governing Body has set the planned admissions number for 2019-20 at 47. The Local Authority and other parties required by law have been consulted on this.

Parents showing an interest in the school are invited to make an appointment to view the school and meet the staff.

- All applications will be considered at the same time and after the closing date determined by the Local authorities' co-ordinated Admissions scheme.
- Late applications will not be given priority over those that applied on time
- Parents will be informed by letter of the outcome of their application in line with the Local authority's co-ordinated Admissions scheme.
- For unsuccessful applications the letter will give the reasons for the decision and will tell parents of their right to appeal. Guidance on how to appeal will also be included. Where an application has been successful parents must inform the school, in writing, of their intention to accept the place offered.
- A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admissions Criteria. The waiting list will operate for the Autumn term following admission. Places will be offered according to their priority on the list and not on length of time they have been on the waiting list.

During the summer term there will be a meeting for parents of children who are to be admitted. Arrangements will be made for the children to visit the school with their parents.

Older children may be admitted at other times of the year. Please contact school and ask to speak to the Headteacher.