

ST CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



ADMISSIONS POLICY

Reviewed: April 2012

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The Governing Body has responsibility for admissions to this school.

Whenever there are more applications than places available, priority will be given to Catholic applicants in accordance with the over-subscription criteria listed below. All applicants are requested to declare their positive support for the aims and ethos of the school.

Over-subscription Criteria

At any time where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

1. a) Looked after Catholic Children
 b) Looked after Children

2. Baptised Catholic children who live in the following parishes and attend the Catholic primary schools serving the parishes of:

St Marie	St Patrick, Elland
St Malachy	St Patrick, Sowerby Bridge
St Bernard	The Good Shepherd
St Columba	St Theresa, Queensbury
St Alban	

3. Other Baptised Catholic children who live in the above named parishes.

4. Other Baptised Catholic children in the Catholic primary schools serving these parishes.

5. Other Baptised Catholic children.

6. Children of other Christian denominations or of other Faiths whose parents/carers are in sympathy with the aims and ethos of the school and whose application is supported by a minister of religion or an appropriate religious leader.

7. Children whose parents/carers are in sympathy with the aims and ethos of the school.

8. Other children

Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church are to be given priority next after Baptised Catholics in each of the above categories.

Where the offer of places to all the applicants in any of the categories listed above would lead to over-subscription, the following provisions will be applied

The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category.

Tie Break

Where the offer of places to all the applicants in any of the sub-categories listed above would still lead to over-subscription, the places up to the admission number will be offered to those living nearest to the school. Distance will be calculated using a straight line measurement from the student's home to the closest designated school gate. Distances will be calculated using the Local Authority's GIS system (Geographical Information System). To ensure consistency applies, all measurements will be carried out by the Local Authority's GIS system and no other method of measuring distance will be considered. Each property has a coordinate taken from Ordnance Survey ADDRESS-POINT data. This is the point which distance measurements will be taken from.

Students with a Statement of Special Educational Needs

The admission of students with a Statement of Special Educational Needs is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. This procedure is integral to the making and maintaining statements by the student's home Local Education Authority. Details of this separate procedure is set out in the *Special Educational Needs Code of Practice*.

Signed:
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Mr T Miskell
(Chair of Governors)

Date ratified by Governing Body: 19 April 2012

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