

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

Nursery Admission Policy

2022 - 2023

Background information:

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School belongs to the Parish of Holy Cross, Catford. The School works in collaboration with parents and carers to offer a high quality, Catholic education. Each child is nurtured and cherished as they live out our mission statement of caring, sharing and learning together. Our children benefit from the close links we have with Holy Cross Church and understand the importance of being a part of our community here in Catford. The Admissions Committee of the Governing Body makes decisions regarding admissions.

Criteria:

Places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

1. Looked after Catholic children or looked after children in the care of Catholic families and previously looked after Catholic children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order.
2. Baptised Catholic children from families who attend Mass on a weekly basis and will have a sibling on roll at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School at the time of entry to the School.
3. Baptised Catholic children from families who attend Mass on a weekly basis and who reside in the Parish of Holy Cross, Catford.
4. Baptised Catholic children living in the Parish of Holy Cross who attend Mass less than weekly. These will be ordered by level of practice, with those attending Mass more frequently being ranked higher - firstly those who attend three times each month followed by those who attend twice each month and finally those who attend once each month. Those with a sibling on roll at time of entry will automatically be placed at the top of the group with the same level of practice.
5. Baptised Catholic children from families who attend Mass on a weekly basis and live outside the Parish of Holy Cross.
6. Baptised Catholic children living outside the Parish of Holy Cross who attend Mass less than weekly. These will be ordered in relation to their level of practice with those attending Mass more frequently being ranked higher - firstly those who attend three times each month followed by those who attend twice each month and finally those who attend once each month.
7. Other looked after children or looked after children and other previously looked after children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order.
8. Those children from Orthodox Churches not in union with the See of Rome.

9. Christians of other denominations whose parents are in sympathy with the aims and ethos of the School and whose application is supported by a minister of religion.
10. Any other applicants whose parents are in sympathy with the aims and ethos of the school.

Notes:

1. When the number of applicants within a criterion exceeds the number of places available the distance from home to school will be used. Where the last remaining place is to be allocated and two or more children are deemed to live at the same distance from the school the places will be decided by the drawing of lots.
2. Parish boundary: for the purposes of this policy, Parish boundaries are as shown on the map attached to the admission policy.
3. Catholics are children who are baptised or received into the Catholic Church including the Ordinariate, and the Latin and Oriental Rite Churches that are in union with the Bishop of Rome. A baptismal certificate or evidence of reception into the Catholic Church must accompany the application form.
4. A “brother or sister” means children who live as brother and sister including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters. It would not include other relatives (eg cousins).
5. Parents of children who have not been offered a place at the nursery may ask for their child’s name to be placed on a waiting list. A child’s name on the waiting list does not guarantee that a place will become available.
6. If false information has been given and an offer made on the basis of that information, the offer of the place will be withdrawn.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ADMITTANCE TO THE NURSERY DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION TO HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL