

Cardinal Newman Catholic High School Admissions Policy and Arrangements for 2015/2016

Cardinal Newman Catholic High School is a Catholic Secondary School situated in the Diocese of Shrewsbury; it serves the Archdiocese of Liverpool as well as the Diocese of Shrewsbury, and is maintained by Warrington Education Authority. Each Catholic school is established in the Diocese to form, in partnership with home and parish, an integral part of that local Catholic faith community which bears the mission of the Church to embrace the gospel of Christ, to live by its values, and to proclaim Christ as the light of all peoples. The school serves in the first instance baptised Catholic children living in the Parishes of **Our Lady, St Augustine, and St Monica's of the Diocese of Shrewsbury and in the parishes of St Bridget, St Mary, St Oswald, St Peter, St Stephen and St Winefride of the Archdiocese of Liverpool.**

The Partner Primary Schools associated with these parishes are :

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

St Benedict's Catholic Primary School (for children living in the parish of St Mary)

St Bridget's Catholic Primary School

St Monica's Catholic Primary School

St Oswald's Catholic Primary School

St Peter's Catholic Primary School

St Stephen's Catholic Primary School

As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on application for admissions.

For the school year commencing **September 2015** the Governing Body has set its admission number at **165**.

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.

1. Baptised Catholic children who are in the care of the Local Authority (Looked After Children)
2. Baptised Catholic children from the following Catholic Partner Primary Schools:
 - Our Lady's Catholic Primary School
 - St Augustine's Catholic Primary School
 - St Benedict's Catholic Primary School (for children living in the parish of St Mary)
 - St Bridget's Catholic Primary School
 - St Monica's Catholic Primary School
 - St Oswald's Catholic Primary School
 - St Peter's Catholic Primary School
 - St Stephen's Catholic Primary School
3. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
4. Baptised Catholic children from other Catholic Primary Schools.
5. Baptised Catholic children from non Catholic Primary Schools.

6. Non Catholic children who are in the care of the Local Authority (Looked After Children)
7. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
8. Non Catholic children from the Catholic Partner Primary Schools.
9. Non Catholic children from other Catholic Primary Schools.
10. Other Non Catholic children whose parents wish them to have a Catholic education.

NOTES

- a) All applicants will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions which will be the date provided by the LA.
- b) All Catholic applicants will be required to produce baptismal certificates.
- c) If category (2) is oversubscribed, children who satisfy (2) and (3) will have priority over children who satisfy only (2). Subsequently if in this or 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 child's permanent place of residence to the school, measured using a Geographical Information Address Point System based on Ordnance Survey. In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applicants where this distance would be last place/s to be allocated, a random lottery will be carried out in a public place. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.
- d) Siblings are defined as including full, half or step brothers and sisters and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit.
- e) 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. 'In Year' and late applications will be treated as per the admissions arrangements published by the Local Authority.
- f) If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Body, parents can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This appeal must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the school within 14 days (10 working days) of refusal. Parents must give reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors.
- g) 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.
- h) A waiting list, prioritised in oversubscription criteria order, will be held until the end of the Autumn Term 2015.