

SCHOOL TYPE	SCHOOL NAME	AGE RANGE	ADMISSION NUMBER	APPROXIMATE NUMBER ON ROLL	NURSERY CLASS
C	<b>Barnston Primary School</b> Sandham Grove, Barnston	4-11	45	295	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
C	<b>Bedford Drive Primary School</b> Bedford Drive, Birkenhead	3-11	60	395	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
AC	<b>Bidston Avenue Primary School</b> Tollemache Road, Birkenhead	3-11	60	414	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Out of Zone (Category 5) – 0.723 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
VC (CofE)	<b>Bidston Village CE Primary School</b> Ballantyne Drive, Birkenhead	2-11	60	365	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
AC (Girls)	<b>Birkenhead High School Academy</b> Devonshire Place, Birkenhead	3-11	56	388	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: 56 places offered of 87 applicants			
		Admission Policy: Page 13			
C	<b>Black Horse Hill Infant School</b> Saughall Massie Road, West Kirby	3-7	60	93	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
AC	<b>Black Horse Hill Junior School</b> Saughall Massie Road, West Kirby	7-11	60	180	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Not applicable			
		Admission Policy: Page 64			
C	<b>Brackenwood Infant School</b> Pulford Road, Bebington	5-7	60	155	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			

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AC	<b>Brackenwood Junior School</b> Norbury Avenue, Bebington	7-11	60	197	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Not applicable			
		Admission Policy: Page 64			
AC	<b>Brookdale Primary School</b> Escolme Drive, Greasby	4-11	30	216	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Out of Zone (Category 5) – 0.816 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
C	<b>Brookhurst Primary School</b> Brookhurst Road, Bromborough	4-11	30	212	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Out of Zone (Category 5) – 1.102 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
C	<b>Castleway Primary School</b> Castleway North, Leasowe	4-11	30	168	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
C	<b>Cathcart Street Primary School</b> Dover Close, Birkenhead	2-11	30	178	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
AC	<b>Chapelhill Primary School</b> Stavordale Road, Moreton	3-11	30	84	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
VA (CofE)	<b>Christ Church CE Primary School</b> Mount Grove, Birkenhead	3-11	30	173	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 14			
FAC (CofE)	<b>Christ Church CE Primary School</b> Upton Road, Moreton	3-11	56	391	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 15			

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<b>VA</b> (Catholic)	<b>Christ the King Catholic Primary School</b> Allport Road, Bromborough	3-11	60	361	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 16			
<b>AC</b>	<b>Church Drive Primary School</b> Church Drive, Port Sunlight	3-11	44	302	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Out of zone (Category 5) – 0.951 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 64			
<b>AC</b>	<b>Co-op Academy Hillside</b> Ridgeview Road, Birkenhead	2-11	30	152	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>AC</b>	<b>Co-op Academy Portland</b> Laird Street, Birkenhead	3-11	30	187	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>AC</b>	<b>Co-op Academy Woodslee</b> Croft Avenue, Bromborough	3-11	46	237	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>FAC</b> (CofE)	<b>Dawpool CE Primary School</b> School Lane, Thurstaston	3-11	30	203	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 18			
<b>C</b>	<b>Devonshire Park Primary School</b> Temple Road, Birkenhead	3-11	60	415	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>C</b>	<b>Eastway Primary School</b> Eastway, Moreton	2-11	30	216	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			

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AC	<b>Egremont Primary School</b> Church Street, Wallasey	3-11	45	256	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 64			
C	<b>Fender Primary School</b> New Hey Road, Woodchurch	4-11	45	244	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
AC	<b>Gayton Primary School</b> Gayton Road, Heswall	4-11	30	219	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Out of zone (Category 5) – 1.258 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
C	<b>Greasby Infant School</b> Barker Lane, Greasby	3-7	60	174	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
AC	<b>Greasby Junior School</b> Mill Lane, Greasby	7-11	60	246	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Not applicable			
		Admission Policy: Page 64			
AC	<b>Great Meols Primary School</b> Elwyn Road, Meols	3-11	60	427	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Out of zone (Category 5) – 1.907 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 64			
C	<b>Greenleas Primary School</b> Green Lane, Wallasey	4-11	45	294	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
C	<b>Grove Street Primary School</b> Grove Street, New Ferry	2-11	60	288	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			

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AC	<b>Heswall Primary School</b> Whitfield Lane, Heswall	2-11	30	209	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Out of zone (Category 5) – 0.776 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 64			
C	<b>Heygarth Primary School</b> Heygarth Road, Eastham	3-11	60	388	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
C	<b>Higher Bebington Junior School</b> Mill Road, Bebington	7-11	96	370	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Not applicable			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
VA (Catholic)	<b>Holy Cross Catholic Primary School</b> Gautby Road, Birkenhead	3-11	30	159	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 19			
VA (Catholic & CofE)	<b>Holy Spirit Catholic and Church of England Primary School</b> Gardenside, Leasowe	2-11	30	148	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 20			
VC (CofE)	<b>Hoylake Holy Trinity CE Primary School</b> Market Street, Hoylake	3-11	45	276	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
AC	<b>Irby Primary School</b> Coombe Road, Irby	2-11	30	213	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Out of zone (Category 5) – 2.067 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 64			
C	<b>Kingsway Primary School</b> Ashville Road, Wallasey	2-11	25	132	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			

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<b>VA</b> (Catholic)	<b>Ladymount Catholic Primary School</b> Portal Road, Pensby	4-11	30	213	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 22			
<b>C</b>	<b>Leasowe Primary School</b> Oxley Avenue, Moreton	3-11	30	186	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>C</b>	<b>Lingham Primary School</b> Town Meadow Lane, Moreton	2-11	57	284	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>C</b>	<b>Liscard Primary School</b> Withens Lane, Wallasey	2-11	90	627	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>AC</b>	<b>Manor Primary School</b> Beechwood Drive, Prenton	3-11	30	110	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>AC</b>	<b>Mendell Primary School</b> Allport Lane, Bromborough	3-11	30	140	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>C</b>	<b>Mersey Park Primary School</b> Elm Road, Birkenhead	3-11	60	411	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Out of zone (Category 5) – 0.811 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>VC</b> (CofE)	<b>Millfields CE Primary School</b> Willington Avenue, Eastham	3-11	30	92	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			

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C	<b>Mount Primary School</b> Mount Pleasant Road, Wallasey	4-11	48	314	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
C	<b>New Brighton Primary School</b> Vaughan Road, Wallasey	3-11	90	565	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
VA	<b>Our Lady and St Edwards Catholic Primary School</b> Price Street, Birkenhead	2-11	60	384	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Any other children (Category 5) – 0.777 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 24			
FAC (Catholic)	<b>Our Lady of Pity Catholic Primary School</b> Rigby Drive, Greasby	4-11	60	402	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 26			
C	<b>Overchurch Infant School</b> Moreton Road, Upton	3-7	60	259	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
AC	<b>Overchurch Junior School</b> Moreton Road, Upton	7-11	96	350	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Not applicable			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
FAC (CofE)	<b>Oxton St Saviour's CE Primary School</b> Holm Lane, Prenton	4-11	30	211	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Other children (Category 9) – 1.502 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 28			
C	<b>Park Primary School</b> Love Lane, Wallasey	3-11	60	398	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			

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<b>C</b>	<b>Pensby Primary School</b> Greenbank Drive, Pensby	3-11	30	213	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>AC</b>	<b>Poulton Lancelyn Primary School</b> Venables Drive, Bebington	2-11	60	436	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Out of zone (Category 5) – 2.876 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 64			
<b>C</b>	<b>Prenton Primary School</b> Bramwell Avenue, Prenton	4-11	60	392	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Out of zone (Category 5) – 2.697 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>C</b>	<b>Raeburn Primary School</b> Morland Road, Bromborough	3-11	60	401	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>C</b>	<b>Riverside Primary School</b> Brighton Street, Wallasey	2-11	30	213	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Out of zone (Category 5) – 0.605 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>AC</b>	<b>Rock Ferry Primary School</b> Ionic Street, Birkenhead	3-11	45	287	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>FAC</b> (Catholic)	<b>St Alban's Catholic Primary School</b> Ashburton Road, Wallasey	4-11	56	238	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 30			
<b>VA</b> (CofE)	<b>St Andrew's CE Primary School</b> Townfield Lane, Bebington	4-11	30	202	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 32			

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<b>VA</b> (Catholic)	<b>St Anne's Catholic Primary School</b> Highfield Road, Birkenhead	2-11	30	207	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 34			
<b>VC</b> (CofE)	<b>St Bridget's CE Primary School</b> St Bridget's Lane, West Kirby	4-11	60	424	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>C</b>	<b>St George's Primary School</b> St George's Road, Wallasey	3-11	120	833	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Out of zone (Category 5) – 5.419 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>VA</b> (Catholic)	<b>St John's Catholic Infant School</b> Old Chester Road, Bebington	3-7	60	175	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 35			
<b>VA</b> (Catholic)	<b>St John's Catholic Junior School</b> Old Chester Road, Bebington	7-11	60	239	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Not applicable			
		Admission Policy: Page 37			
<b>FAC</b> (Catholic)	<b>St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Birkenhead)</b> Woodchurch Road, Prenton	3-11	30	267	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Any other children (Category 7) – 0.122 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 39			
<b>VA</b> (Catholic)	<b>St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Upton)</b> Moreton Road, Upton	4-11	30	225	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 41			
<b>VA</b> (Catholic)	<b>St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Wallasey)</b> Wheatland Lane, Wallasey	2-11	30	152	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 43			

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VA (Catholic)	<b>St Michael's Catholic Primary School</b> New Hey Road, Woodchurch	2-11	30	198	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 45			
VA (Catholic)	<b>St Paul's Catholic Primary School</b> Farmfield Drive, Prenton	2-11	18	81	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 47			
FAC (Catholic)	<b>St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School</b> Atherton Street, Wallasey	2-11	30	227	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Any other children (Category 5) – 0.461 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 49			
VA (Catholic)	<b>St Peter's Catholic Primary School</b> St Peter's Way, Prenton	2-11	30	171	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 51			
VA (CofE)	<b>St Peter's CE Primary School</b> Thurstaston Road, Heswall	2-11	30	249	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 59			
VA (Catholic)	<b>St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School</b> Park Grove, Birkenhead	2-11	30	176	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
VA (Catholic)	<b>Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School</b> Danger Lane, Moreton	3-11	30	276	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 62			
C	<b>Somerville Primary School</b> Northbrook Road, Wallasey	4-11	90	413	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			

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AC	<b>Stanton Road Primary School</b> Stanton Road, Bebington	2-11	45	266	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 64			
VA (CofE)	<b>The Priory Parish CE Primary School</b> Aberdeen Street, Birkenhead	2-11	30	183	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 58			
AC	<b>Thingwall Primary School</b> Pensby Road, Thingwall	4-11	30	202	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Out of zone (Category 5) – 0.930 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 64			
C	<b>Thornton Hough Primary School</b> St George's Way, Thornton Hough	4-11	25	180	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
AC	<b>Town Lane Infant School</b> Town Lane, Bebington	3-7	90	246	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
AC	<b>Townfield Primary School</b> Townfield Lane, Prenton	2-11	60	458	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
AC	<b>Well Lane Primary School</b> Well Lane, Birkenhead	3-11	30	186	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
C	<b>West Kirby Primary School</b> Anglesey Road, West Kirby	3-11	37	281	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			

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<b>FAC</b> (CofE)	<b>Woodchurch CE Primary School</b> Church Lane, Woodchurch	4-11	30	170	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 60			
<b>AC</b>	<b>Woodchurch Road Academy</b> Woodchurch Road, Prenton	4-11	30	184	No
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: All on-time applicants offered places			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			
<b>C</b>	<b>Woodlands Primary School</b> Hollybank Road, Birkenhead	2-11	44	299	Yes
		Last F2 allocated in 2025: Out of zone (Category 5) – 0.387 miles			
		Admission Policy: Page 61			

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## Birkenhead High School Academy

Where Birkenhead High School Academy is oversubscribed in Reception, places will be allocated in the following order:

- 1) Girls who are in public care (Looked After Children) or were previously in public care, as defined in the School Admissions Code 2014 on the date at which the relevant applications for admission are made, and who a local authority has confirmed will continue to be looked after by it (in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989) at the time they are admitted to the Academy.
- 2) Girls at the Academy's Nursery;
- 3) Girls who will have a sister, including step, half, adopted or fostered living permanently at the same address, who will continue to be enrolled at Birkenhead High School Academy at the time of the admission.
- 4) In the case of twins applying for entry into Reception, should one be allocated a place the other will automatically be offered a place.
- 5) Girls whose parent/s are currently Teaching, Administrative, Support Staff at Birkenhead High School Academy and have been employed for over two years.

Where in categories b), c) and d) there are more applicants than there are places available, places will be allocated on a random basis. Any remaining places will be allocated on a random basis to girls applying from across the Wirral and beyond.

To see the full policy for Birkenhead High School Academy, please visit: <https://www.birkenheadhigh.gdst.net/>

## Christ Church CE Primary School (Birkenhead)

Where Christ Church CE Primary School (Birkenhead) is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

- 1) Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to child arrangements order or special guardianship order). (See note a)
- 2) Children with particular medical or social needs where written evidence from a specialist (e.g. Doctor or Social Worker) sets out why this is the most appropriate school. (See note b)
- 3) Children with siblings at the school who will still be attending school the following year.
- 4) Children who have a sibling in the school who have attended the school in the 2 years prior to admission. (See note c)
- 5) Children living nearest to the school as measured by the Wirral Local Authority Mapping System, using the shortest walking route to the school
- 6) Other children.

### Notes

- a) A looked after child is a child who is a) in the 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 Arrangements or Special Guardianship Orders. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of, or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.
- b) Professional supporting evidence from e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.
- c) Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.

To see the full policy for Christ Church CE Primary School (Birkenhead), please visit:  
<https://www.christchurchbirkenhead.com/index.asp>

## Christ Church CE Primary School (Moreton)

Where Christ Church CE Primary School (Moreton) is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

- 1) Looked after children and all previously looked after children, **including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.**
- 2) Children whose parents/guardians are faithful and regular worshippers at Christ Church, Moreton
- 3) Children who have a sibling in school who will still be attending school in the year of admission.
- 4) Children whose parents/guardians are faithful and regular worshippers in a neighbouring Anglican Church for whom this is the closest Church of England school.
- 5) Children whose parents/guardians are faithful and regular worshippers at a church of Christian denomination, which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of Churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance, or a partner church of Affinity
- 6) Other children.

### Notes:

- a) A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of, or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.
- b) By "faithful and regular" we mean attendance at a minimum of two services per month for at least six months prior to the closing date for applications. Completion of the supplementary information form by your incumbent or minister or other church officer will be required as proof of attendance). In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship. Signed as confirmation (by incumbent or other church officer):
- c) Siblings includes half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or sister, or the child of parent/carer's partner, and in every case the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.
- d) A parent is any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child. Where admission arrangements refer to "parent's attendance at church", it is sufficient for just one parent to attend.
- e) Where the above criteria are not adequate to distinguish between requests for admission which cannot all be accepted without exceeding the admission limit, priority will be decided on the basis of the distance from the school, measured by the shortest walking route from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
- f) All children with birthdays between 1 September and 31 August are admitted in September. For children with a birthday after Christmas or after Easter parents may defer entry until later in the year and the Headteacher should be consulted if this option is being considered.

To see the full policy for Christ Church CE Primary School (Moreton), please visit: <https://www.christchurch-moreton.wirral.sch.uk/>

## Christ the King Catholic Primary School

Where Christ the King Catholic Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

- 1) Catholic looked after children and previously looked after children (see note 2 & 3).
- 2) Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of Christ the King, Bromborough/St. Luke's, Spital as defined by the LA Catchment Areas Street (see notes 3 & 11)
- 3) Baptised Catholic children from other parishes (see note 3)
- 4) Other looked after and previously looked after children (see note 2)
- 5) Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church
- 6) Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
- 7) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
- 8) Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order:

- i. 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1).

### Notes:

- 1) An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
- 2) A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is:
  - a. in the care of a local authority or
  - b. being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school
  - c. Previously looked after child
- 3) 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child who is part of a Catholic family where a letter from a priest demonstrates that the child would have been baptised or received if it were not for their status as a looked after child (e.g. a looked after child in the process of adoption by a Catholic family). For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest [who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church].
- 4) 'catechumen' means a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens.
- 5) 'Eastern Christian Church' includes Orthodox Churches and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.
- 6) "children of other Christian denominations" means children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledge God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is



his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above. All members of Churches Together in England and CYTŪN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis.

- 7) "children of other faiths" means children who are members of a religious community that does not fall within the definition of 'other Christian denominations' at 6 above and which falls within the definition of a religion for the purposes of charity law. The Charities Act 2011 defines religion to include: • A religion which involves belief in more than one God, and • A religion which does not involve belief in a God. Case law has identified certain characteristics which describe the meaning of religion for the purposes of charity law, which are characterised by a belief in a supreme being and an expression of belief in that supreme being through worship.
- 8) 'brother or sister' includes: (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and (ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.
- 9) A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
- 10) This applies where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

To see the full policy for Christ the King Catholic Primary School, please visit:

<https://www.christtheking.wirral.sch.uk/page/policies/53030>

## Dawpool CE Primary School

Where Dawpool CE Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

- 1) A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care 10 outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole main purpose is to benefit society.
- 2) Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school. Professional supporting evidence from e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is required that sets out the particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.
- 3) Children with a sibling attending the school at the time of application. Sibling is defined in these arrangements as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.
- 4) Children resident in the parish of Thurstaston with Irby and whose parent/s worship in a Christian church. Parental worshipping' is taken to mean attendance at a minimum of 1 public worship service per month for at least 2 years prior to the closing date for applications. Christian church means any church which is designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York or locally by the diocesan bishop, or is a member of Churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance, or a partner church of Affinity. In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

A map showing the parish is available from the school and is on the school website. Parish maps can also be found on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

- 5) Other children resident in the parish of Thurstaston with Irby.

A map showing the parish is available from the school and is on the school website. Parish maps can also be found on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

- 6) Other children by distance from the school, with priority for admission given to children who live nearest to the school, as measured by Wirral Local Authority measuring system.

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in the final category above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the school is the same. This process will be independently verified. If a tie-break is required in earlier categories to decide who has priority for admission between two children, distance from the school will be used to decide as measured above.

To see the full policy for Dawpool CE Primary School, please visit:

<https://www.dawpool.wirral.sch.uk/website/home/9228>

## Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

Where Holy Cross Catholic Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

- 1) Looked after and previously looked after children. (see note 2)
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parish(es) of Holy Cross and St. Paul's. (see notes 3&7)
- 3) Other Catholic children. (see note 3)
- 4) Any other children.

*Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.*

- (i) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 4).

### Notes

- 1) An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
- 2) A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school. A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 3) 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child who is part of a Catholic family where a letter from a priest demonstrates that the child would have been baptised or received if it were not for their status as a looked after child (e.g. a looked after child in the process of adoption by a Catholic family).  
For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest [who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church].
- 4) 'brother or sister' includes:
  - (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
  - (ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.
- 5) A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
- 6) For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown on a map available from the school and will be applied to the admission arrangements for 2025-26.

To see the full policy for Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, please visit: <https://holycross.wirral.sch.uk/>

## Holy Spirit Catholic and Church of England Primary School

Where Holy Spirit Catholic and Church of England Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

- 1) A 'looked after child' and previously looked after child (see notes 2)
- 2) Places designated for Catholic Children

The Governors have designated 18 places, to be offered to baptised Catholic children. If there are more than 18 qualified applicants, places will be allocated according to the following criteria. These are stated in order of priority.

- a. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes and English Martyrs.
- b. Baptised Catholic children from other parishes

- 3) Places designated for Church of England Children

The Governors have designated 12 places, to be offered to children who are members of the Anglican Church. If there are more than 12 qualified applicants, places will be allocated according to the following criteria. These are stated in order of priority.

- a. Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers at Anglican churches in Wallasey
- b. Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in other Anglican Churches

By "faithful and regular" we mean worship attendance should generally be at public worship once a month on Sundays or other days of the week for at least 6 months prior to application for school. A letter from your incumbent or minister or other church officer will be required as proof of attendance

Church of England in Wallasey refers to the Church of England churches in the Wallasey Deanery. Please see link below to see if the church you attend counts.

<https://www.chester.anglican.org/acny>

Other Church of England churches refers to those outside of the Wallasey Deanery.

- 4) Other children

Where places designated for Catholic children remain unfilled priority will be given to those children who fulfil the criteria set out for Church of England children. Similarly where places for Church of England children remain unfilled priority will be given to those who fulfil the criteria set out for Catholic children.

*Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.*

- (i) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above.
- (ii) The children of staff will be given increased priority within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 7)

### **Notes (these notes form part of the oversubscription criteria)**

1. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.

2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

3. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child who is part of a Catholic family where a letter from a priest demonstrates that the child would have been baptised or received if it were not for their status as a looked after child (e.g. a looked after child in the process of adoption by a Catholic family).

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest [who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church].

4. 'brother or sister' includes:

- (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
- (ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.

5. A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
6. This applies where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
7. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown on a map which is available from school and will be applied to the admission arrangements for 2025-2026.
8. A child's "home address" refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer, and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form ("CAF"). Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.

To see the full policy for Holy Spirit Catholic and Church of England Primary School, please visit:

<https://www.holyspiritwirral.com/index.asp>

## Ladymount Catholic Primary School

Where Ladymount Catholic Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

- 1) Catholic looked after and previously looked after children (see notes 2&3).
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parish(es) of Holy Family, Pensby and Our Lady & St John (see notes 3&11).
- 3) Other Catholic children (see note 3).
- 4) Other looked after and previously looked after children (see note 2).
- 5) Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church (see notes 4&5).
- 6) Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion (see note 6).
- 7) Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader (see note 7).
- 8) Any other children.

*Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order:*

- (iii) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above.

### Notes

1. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making an application to the school.  
A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
3. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child living with a family where at least one of the parents is Catholic.  
For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church.
4. 'Catechumen' means a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens.
5. 'Eastern Christian Church' includes Orthodox Churches and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.
6. "children of other Christian denominations" means children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledge God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is His body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal

statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above.

All members of Churches Together in England and CYTŪN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis.

7. "Children of other faiths" means children who are members of a religious community that does not fall within the definition of 'other Christian denominations' at 6 above and which falls within the definition of a religion for the purposes of charity law. The Charities Act 2011 defines religion to include:
  - A religion which involves belief in more than one God, and
  - A religion which does not involve belief in a God.

Case law has identified certain characteristics which describe the meaning of religion for the purposes of charity law, which are characterised by a belief in a supreme being and an expression of belief in that supreme being through worship.

8. 'brother or sister' includes:
  - all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
  - the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same home address as the child who is the subject of the application.
9. A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
10. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundary maps can be found on the school website and will be applied to the admission arrangements for 2025-26.
11. A child's "home address" refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form ("CAF"). Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.

To see the full policy for Ladymount Catholic Primary School, please visit:

<https://www.ladymount.wirral.sch.uk/>

## Our Lady and St Edward's Catholic Primary School

Where Our Lady and St Edward's Catholic Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

- 1) Catholic looked after and previously looked after children. (see notes 2&3)
- 2) Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and the portion of the joint parish of St Lawrence and St Werburgh, north of Conway Street (see notes 2) and (notes 3 and 11).
- 3) Other Catholic children. (see note 3)
- 4) Other looked after and previously looked after children. (see note 2)
- 5) Any other children.

*Within each of the categories listed above, the following provision 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 8).

### Notes

1. A Statement of Special Educational Needs is a statement made by the local authority under section 324 of the Education Act 1996, specifying the special educational provision for a child. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school. A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. (Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the Governing Body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted).
3. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child who is part of a Catholic family where a letter from a priest demonstrates that the child would have been baptised or received if it were not for their status as a looked after child (e.g. a looked after child in the process of adoption by a Catholic family).  
For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest [who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church].
4. 'Catechumen' means a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens.
5. 'Eastern Christian Church' includes Orthodox Churches and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.
6. "children of other Christian denominations" means children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledge God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the



glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no creedal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above.

All members of Churches Together in England and CYTŪN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis.

7. "Children of other faiths" means children who are members of a religious community that does not fall within the definition of 'other Christian denominations' at 6 above and which falls within the definition of a religion for the purposes of charity law. The Charities Act 2011 defines religion to include:

- A religion which involves belief in more than one God, and
- A religion which does not involve belief in a God.

Case law has identified certain characteristics which describe the meaning of religion for the purposes of charity law, which are characterised by a belief in a Supreme Being and an expression of belief in that Supreme Being through worship.

8. 'brother or sister' includes:

- (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, step brothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
- (ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.

9. A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.

10. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown on a map available from the school and will be applied to the admission arrangements for 2025-2026.

11. A child's "home address" refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer, and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form ("CAF"). Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.

To see the full policy for Our Lady and St Edward's Catholic Primary School, please visit: <https://www.ourlady-saintedwards.co.uk/>

## Our Lady of Pity Catholic Primary School

Where Our Lady of Pity Catholic Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children. (see notes 2&3)
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish(es) of Our Lady of Pity (Greasby), St Agnes (West Kirby), and St Catherine and St Martina (Hoylake). (see notes 3&12)
3. Other Catholic children. (see note 3)
4. Other looked after and previously looked after children. (see note 2)
5. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church. (see notes 4&5)
6. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion. (see note 6)
7. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader. (see note 7)
8. Any other children.

*Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.*

- (i) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 8).

### **Notes (these notes form part of the oversubscription criteria)**

1. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school. A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
3. Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child living with a family where at least one of the parents is Catholic.

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church.

4. 'catechumen' means a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens.
5. 'Eastern Christian Church' includes Orthodox Churches, and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.
6. "children of other Christian denominations" means children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledge God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour

according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above.

All members of Churches Together in England and CYTÛN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis.

7. "children of other faiths" means children who are members of a religious community that does not fall within the definition of 'other Christian denominations' at 6 above and which falls within the definition of a religion for the purposes of charity law. The Charities Act 2011 defines religion to include:

- A religion which involves belief in more than one God, and
- A religion which does not involve belief in a God.

Case law has identified certain characteristics which describe the meaning of religion for the purposes of charity law, which are characterised by a belief in a supreme being and an expression of belief in that supreme being through worship.

8. 'brother or sister' includes:

- (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
- (ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.

9. A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.

10. A child's "home address" refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer, and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form ("CAF"). Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.

11. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are shown on a map available from the school and will be applied to the admission arrangements for 2025-2026.

12. The properties in the new development off Arrowe Park Road are to be considered as part of Our Lady of Pity parish.

13. The properties off Park Lane, Meols are to be considered as part of St Catherine and St Martina's parish.

To see the full policy for Our Lady of Pity Catholic Primary School, please visit: <https://www.olooschool.co.uk/>

## Oxton St Saviours CE Primary School

Where Oxton St Saviours CE Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. (see note a)
2. Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school. (see note b)
3. Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in the Parish Church of Oxton St Saviour, Birkenhead with St Andrew Noctorum and who have a sibling in school who will still be attending the following year. Newcomers to the parish must have a similar Anglican affiliation in their previous parish. (see note c and g)
4. Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in the Parish Church of Oxton St Saviour, Birkenhead with St Andrew Noctorum. Newcomers to the parish must have a similar Anglican affiliation in their previous parish. (see note c)
5. Children who have a sibling in school who will still be attending school the following year.
6. Children resident in the parish of Oxton St. Saviour, Birkenhead with St. Andrew Noctorum. A map showing the parish is on page 5 and also available from the school and on the school website: [www.oxtonstsaviours.wirral.sch.uk](http://www.oxtonstsaviours.wirral.sch.uk)
7. Children whose families are faithful and regular worshippers in a neighbouring Anglican Church for whom this is the closest Church of England school based on the distance from the school measured by the shortest walking route from the front door of the child's home address or the main entrance of the block of flats they reside in, to the nearest entrance of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. In the event of a tie break a lottery will be undertaken. (see note d)
8. Children whose families are faithful and regular worshippers of another Christian denomination, as members of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and for whom this is the closest Church of England school based on the distance from the school measured by the shortest walking route from the front door of the child's home address or the main entrance of the block of flats they reside in to the nearest entrance of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. In the event of a tie break a lottery will be undertaken. (see note d)
9. Other children.

### Notes

a) A looked after child is a child who is a) in the 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 arrangements or special guardianship order. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of, or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

b) Professional supporting evidence from e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.

c) By "faithful and regular" we mean attendance at a minimum of two services per month for at least the 2 years immediately prior to the closing date for applications. In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship. Evidence of this must be provided on the school's supplementary form. Please post your supplementary form to: **The Parish Office, St Saviour's Parish Centre, Bidston Road, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 2JZ**, a receipt will be sent to you. The form will be completed by the incumbent or their authorised signatory and returned to school.

d) Please ensure your supplementary form has been completed by your minister and posted to either the school; **Oxton St Saviour's CE Aided Primary School, Holm Lane, Prenton, CH43 2HT** or **The Parish Office, St Saviour's Parish Centre, Bidston Road, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 2JZ**.

- e) A parent is any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child. Where admission arrangements refer to 'parent's attendance at church' it is sufficient for just one parent to attend.
- f) A map showing the boundaries is available on the school website: [www.oxtonstsaviours.wirral.sch.uk](http://www.oxtonstsaviours.wirral.sch.uk)
- g) Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.
- h) Where the above criteria are not adequate to distinguish between requests for admission which cannot all be accepted without exceeding the admission limit, priority will be decided on the basis of the distance from the school measured by the shortest walking route from the seed point of the child's home address to the nearest entrance of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. In the event of a tie break a lottery will be undertaken in a public place with names drawn from a box.
- i) All children with birthdays between 1 September and 31 August are admitted in September. For children with a birthday after Christmas or after Easter parents may defer entry until later in the year and the headteacher should be consulted if this option is being considered.

To see the full policy for Oxton St Saviours CE Primary School, please visit: <https://www.oxtonstsavioursschool.com/>

## St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Where St Alban's Catholic Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children. (see notes 2&3)
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish(es) of St Joseph and St Alban (see notes 3&11)
3. Catholic children who are resident in the parish(es) of St Alban's or Holy Apostles and Martyrs (see notes 3&11)
4. for whom St Alban's Catholic Primary is the nearest Catholic school]. (see notes 3&11)
5. Other Catholic children. (see note 3)
6. Other looked after and previously looked after children. (see note 2)
7. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church. (see notes 4&5)
8. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion. (see note 6)
9. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader. (see note 7)
10. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

(i) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 8).

(ii) The children of staff will be given increased priority within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 10).

### **Notes (these notes form part of the oversubscription criteria)**

1. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

3. Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child who is part of a Catholic family where a letter from a priest demonstrates that the child would have been baptised or received if it were not for their status as a looked after child (e.g. a looked after child in the process of adoption by a Catholic family).

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest [who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church].

4. 'catechumen' means a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens.
5. 'Eastern Christian Church' includes Orthodox Churches, and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.

6. “children of other Christian denominations” means children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledge God’s revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God’s will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above.

All members of Churches Together in England and CYTÛN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis.

7. “children of other faiths” means children who are members of a religious community that does not fall within the definition of ‘other Christian denominations’ at 6 above and which falls within the definition of a religion for the purposes of charity law. The Charities Act 2011 defines religion to include:

- A religion which involves belief in more than one God, and
- A religion which does not involve belief in a God.

Case law has identified certain characteristics which describe the meaning of religion for the purposes of charity law, which are characterised by a belief in a supreme being and an expression of belief in that supreme being through worship.

8. ‘brother or sister’ includes:
- i. all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
  - ii. the child of a parent’s partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.
9. A ‘parent’ means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
10. This applies where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
11. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown on a map which is available from the school and will be applied to the admission arrangements for 2025/2026.
12. A child’s “home address” refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer, and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form (“CAF”). Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.

To see the full policy for St Alban’s Catholic Primary School, please visit: <https://www.stalbans.wirral.sch.uk/>

## St Andrew's CE Primary School

Where St Andrew's Church of England Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement or special guardianship order. See notes a) & b).
2. Children who have a sibling in school who will still be attending school the following year. See notes a) & c).
3. Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers at St Andrew's and Townfield Churches, Bebington (including their Messy Church congregations). Newcomers to the parish must have a similar Anglican affiliation in their previous parish. See notes a), d) & e).
4. Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in a neighbouring Anglican church for whom this is the closest Church of England school. See notes a), d) & e).
5. Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers of another Christian Church which holds to belief in the Trinity and for whom this is the closest Church of England school. See notes a), d) & e).
6. Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school. See notes a) & f).
7. Other children, where priority will be decided on the basis of the distance from the school measured by the shortest walking route from the seed point\* of the child's home address to the nearest open gate of the school officially available for use by pupils at the start and end of the school day. (See note h).

### Notes

- a) Where the above criteria are not adequate to distinguish between requests for admission which cannot all be accepted without exceeding the admission limit, priority will be decided on the basis of the distance from the school measured by the shortest walking route from the seed point\* of the child's home address to the nearest open gate of the school officially available for use by pupils at the start and end of the school day, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

\* Seed Point – the middle point of a house/building

- b) A looked after child is a child who is i) in the care of the Local Authority, or ii) 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 or special guardianship order.
- c) Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.
- d) By "faithful and regular" we mean attendance of at least twice per month for at least 9 of the 12 months immediately prior to the date of application. Evidence for this must be provided on the school's supplementary form.
- e) A parent means a parent as defined by s576 of the Education Act 1996 (including, but not limited to, a natural parent, an adoptive parent or a legal guardian). Where admission arrangements refer to "parent's attendance at church" it is sufficient for just one parent to attend.
- f) Professional supporting evidence from e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the



particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.

- g) All children with birthdays between 1 September and 31 August are admitted in September. For children with a birthday after Christmas or after Easter parents may defer entry until later in the year and the Headteacher should be consulted if this option is being considered.
- h) Where distance from home needs to be calculated the Local Authority's computerised measuring system will be used, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

To see the full policy for St Andrew's CofE Primary School, please visit: <https://standrews.wirral.sch.uk/>

## St Anne's Catholic Primary School

Where St Anne's Catholic Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. All looked after and previously looked after children. (see note 2)
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Anne's (see notes 3 and 7)
3. Other Catholic children. (see note 3)
4. All remaining applicants.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 4).

### Notes

1. A Statement of Special Educational Needs is a statement made by the local authority under section 324 of the Education Act 1996, specifying the special educational provision for a child. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

3. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child who is part of a Catholic family where a letter from a priest demonstrates that the child would have been baptised or received if it were not for their status as a looked after child (e.g. a looked after child in the process of adoption by a Catholic family).

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church.

4. 'brother or sister' includes:
  - (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address;
5. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown on a map available from the school and will be applied to the admission arrangements for 2025-26
6. A child's home address refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer, and will be the address provided on the application form. Where parents have shared responsibility for a child and the child lives part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given on the application.

To see the full policy for St Anne's Catholic Primary School, please visit: <https://www.stannes.wirral.sch.uk/>

## St John's Catholic Infant School

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. Looked after and previously looked after children. (see note 2)
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish(es) of St John's, Bebington and St Luke's, Spital (see notes 3 & 6)
3. Other Catholic children (see note 3)
4. Any other children

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 4).

### Notes (these notes form part of the oversubscription criteria)

1. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

3. Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child living with a family where at least one of the parents is Catholic. For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church.
4. 'brother or sister' includes:
  - i. all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
  - ii. the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same home address as the child who is the subject of the application.
5. A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
6. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown on a map available from the school and will be applied to the admission arrangements for September 2026.

7. A child's "home address" refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer, and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form ("CAF"). Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.

To see the full policy for St John's Catholic Infant School, please visit: <https://www.stjohnsinfantschool.co.uk/policies>

## St John's Catholic Junior School

Where St John's Catholic Junior School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Looked after and previously looked after children. (see note 2)
2. Baptised Catholic children who are resident in the parish(es) of St John's, Bebington and St Luke's, Spital, (see notes 3)
3. Baptised Catholic children resident in other parishes. (see note 3)
4. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 4).
- (ii) The children of staff will be given increased priority within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 7).

### Notes

1. A Statement of Special Educational Needs is a statement made by the local authority under section 324 of the Education Act 1996, specifying the special educational provision for a child. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

3. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child who is part of a Catholic family where a letter from a priest demonstrates that the child would have been baptised or received if it were not for their status as a looked after child (e.g. a looked after child in the process of adoption by a Catholic family).

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest [who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church].

4. 'brother or sister' includes:

A sibling is a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or sister or the child of the parent/carer's partner, where they are living in the same family unit/household at the same address'

5. A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
6. Home Address is considered to be the address where the child normally lives. Where care is split and a child moves between two addresses, the household in receipt of the child benefit would normally be the address

used, but the admission authority body reserves the right to request other evidence as fits the individual circumstance. Applicants should not state the address of another relative or person who has daily care of the child.

7. This applies where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
8. If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Body, parents can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Forms for this appeal may be obtained from the Head of Legal and Member Services, Wallasey Town Hall. The completed form must be returned to the Head of Legal and Member Services no later than 20 days from the date the allocation letter received. Parents must give reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on all parties.
9. For the purpose of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown on a map available from the school and will be applied to the admission arrangements for September 2025.

To see the full policy for St John's Catholic Junior School, please visit: <https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/>

## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Birkenhead)

Where St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Birkenhead) is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Looked after and previously looked after children. (see notes 2&3)
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of St Joseph's Birkenhead (St Phillip Neri) and Holy Name of Jesus, Oxtot (see notes 3&11)
3. Other Catholic children. (see note 3)
4. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church. (see notes 4&5)
5. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion. (see note 6)
6. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader. (see note 7)
7. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 8).
- (ii) The children of staff will be given increased priority within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 10).

### Notes

1. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the Local Authority under Section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the Special Education provision required for the child.
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

Included in the definition are those children who appear (to the Governing Body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

3. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child who is part of a Catholic family where a letter from a priest demonstrates that the child would have been baptised or received if it were not for their status as a looked after child (e.g. a looked after child in the process of adoption by a Catholic family).

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest [who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church].

4. 'catechumen' means a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens.
5. 'Eastern Christian Church' includes Orthodox Churches, and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.
6. "children of other Christian denominations" means children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledge God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above.

All members of Churches Together in England and CYTŪN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis.

7. "children of other faiths" means children who are members of a religious community that does not fall within the definition of 'other Christian denominations' at 6 above and which falls within the definition of a religion for the purposes of charity law. The Charities Act 2011 defines religion to include:
  - A religion which involves belief in more than one God, and
  - A religion which does not involve belief in a God.

Case law has identified certain characteristics which describe the meaning of religion for the purposes of charity law, which are characterised by a belief in a supreme being and an expression of belief in that supreme being through worship.

8. 'brother or sister' includes:
  - (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
  - (ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.
9. A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
10. This applies where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
11. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown on a map available from the school and will be applied to the admission arrangements for 2025-2026.

To see the full policy for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Birkenhead), please visit:  
<https://www.stjosephscatholicprimarybirkenhead.co.uk/home>



## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Upton)

Where St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Upton) is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children (see notes 2 and 3)
2. Baptised Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Joseph's, Upton (see notes 3 and 11)
3. Baptised Catholic children from other parishes (see note 3)
4. Other looked after and previously looked after children (see note 2)
5. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church (see notes 4 and 5)
6. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion. (see note 6)
7. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader. (see note 7)
8. All other children whose parents express a preference for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Upton.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 8).

### Notes

1. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school. A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
3. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child who is part of a Catholic family where a letter from a priest demonstrates that the child would have been baptised or received if it were not for their status as a looked after child (e.g. a looked after child in the process of adoption by a Catholic family). For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest [who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church].
4. 'catechumen' means a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens.
5. 'Eastern Christian Church' includes Orthodox Churches, and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.
6. "children of other Christian denominations" means children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledge God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit

themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above. All members of Churches Together in England and CYTŪN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis.

7. “children of other faiths” means children who are members of a religious community that does not fall within the definition of ‘other Christian denominations’ at 6 above and which falls within the definition of a religion for the purposes of charity law. The Charities Act 2011 defines religion to include:

- A religion which involves belief in more than one God, and
- A religion which does not involve belief in a God.

Case law has identified certain characteristics which describe the meaning of religion for the purposes of charity law, which are characterised by a belief in a supreme being and an expression of belief in that supreme being through worship.

8. ‘brother or sister’ includes:
- (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
  - (ii) the child of a parent’s partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.
9. A ‘parent’ means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
10. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown on a map available from the school and will be applied to the admission arrangements for 2025-2026.
11. A child’s “home address” refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer, and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form (“CAF”). Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.

To see the full policy for St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School (Upton), please visit: <https://www.stjosephs-upton.co.uk/>

## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Wallasey)

Where St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Wallasey) is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Baptised Catholic looked after and previously looked after children. (see notes 2&3)
2. Looked after and previously looked after children. (see notes 2)
3. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Joseph's, Wallasey (see notes 3, 7 & 8)
4. Other Catholic children. (see note 3)
5. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 4).
- (ii) The children of staff will be given increased priority within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 6).

### Notes

1. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

3. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child living with a family where at least one of the parents is Catholic.

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest [who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church].

4. 'brother or sister' includes:
  - (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
  - (ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same home address as the child who is subject of the application.
5. A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
6. This applies where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

7. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown on a map which is available from the school and will be applied to the admission arrangements for 2025-2026.
8. A child's "home address" refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer, and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form ("CAF"). Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.

To see the full policy for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Wallasey), please visit: <https://www.stjosephs-wallasey.wirral.sch.uk/website>

## St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary School

Where St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Looked after and previously looked after children. (see notes 2&3)
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish previously known as St. Michael and All Angels (see notes 3&11)
3. Other Catholic children. (see note 3)
4. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order:

- (i) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 8).

### Notes

1. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

3. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child living with a family where at least one of the parents is Catholic.

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church.

4. 'brother or sister' includes:
  - (ii) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
  - (iii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same home address as the child who is the subject of the application.
5. A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
6. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown on a map available from the school and will be applied to the admission arrangements for 2025-26.
7. A child's "home address" refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer, and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form ("CAF"). Where parents have shared responsibility for

a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.

To see the full policy for St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary School, please visit: <https://www.smaaawirral.com/>

## St Paul's Catholic Primary School

Where St Paul's Catholic Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Looked after and previously looked after children. (see notes 2&3)
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Paul's. (see notes 3&11)
3. Other Catholic children. (see note 3)
4. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 8).

### Notes

1. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

3. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child who is part of a Catholic family where a letter from a priest demonstrates that the child would have been baptised or received if it were not for their status as a looked after child (e.g. a looked after child in the process of adoption by a Catholic family)<sup>98</sup>.

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest [who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church].

4. 'brother or sister' includes:
  - (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
  - (ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.
5. A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
6. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown on a map available from the school and will be applied to the admission arrangements for 2025-26.

7. A child's "home address" refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer, and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form ("CAF"). Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.

To see the full policy for St Paul's Catholic Primary School, please visit: <http://www.stpauls.wirral.sch.uk/web/>



## St Peter and St Paul's Catholic Primary School

Where St Peter and Paul's Catholic Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children. (see notes 2&3)
2. Other looked after and previously looked after children. (see note 2)
3. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of Holy Apostles & Martyrs (see notes 3&9)
4. Other Catholic children. (see note 3)
5. Children of other Christian denominations and other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader (see notes 4&5)
6. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 8).
- (ii) The children of staff will be given increased priority within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 10).

### Notes

1. A Statement of Special Educational Needs is a statement made by the local authority under section 324 of the Education Act 1996, specifying the special educational provision for a child. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

3. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child who is part of a Catholic family where a letter from a priest demonstrates that the child would have been baptised or received if it were not for their status as a looked after child (e.g. a looked after child in the process of adoption by a Catholic family).

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church.

4. "children of other Christian denominations" means children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledge God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above.

All members of Churches Together in England and CYTŪN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis.

5. "children of other faiths" means children who are members of a religious community that does not fall within the definition of 'other Christian denominations' at 4 above and which falls within the definition of a religion for the purposes of charity law. The Charities Act 2011 defines religion to include: A religion which involves belief in more than one God, and A religion which does not involve belief in a God. Case law has identified certain characteristics which describe the meaning of religion for the purposes of charity law, which are characterised by a belief in a Supreme Being and an expression of belief in that Supreme Being through worship.
6. 'brother or sister' includes:
  - (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
  - (ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.
7. A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
8. This applies where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
9. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown on the below map and will be applied to the admission arrangements for the academic year 2024-2025. NB: Parish boundary maps will be added once they become available. LA map is included meanwhile.
10. A child's "home address" refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer, and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form ("CAF"). Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week

To see the full policy for St Peter and St Paul's Catholic Primary School, please visit:

<https://www.sspp.school/admissions>

## St Peter's Catholic Primary School

Where St Peter's Catholic Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Looked after and previously looked after children. (see notes 2&3)
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Peter's (see notes 3&10)
3. Other Catholic children. (see note 3)
4. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church. (see notes 4 & 5)
5. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion. (see note 6)
6. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader. (see note 7)
7. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 7).

**Notes** (these notes form part of the oversubscription criteria)

1. An Educational, Health Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England.

3. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child who is part of a Catholic family where a letter from a priest demonstrates that the child would have been baptised or received if it were not for their status as a looked after child (e.g. a looked after child in the process of adoption by a Catholic family).

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest [who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church].

4. 'catechumen' means a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens.
5. 'Eastern Christian Church' includes Orthodox Churches and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.
6. "children of other Christian denominations" means children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledge God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above.

All members of Churches Together in England and CYTŪN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis.

7. “children of other faiths” means children who are members of a religious community that does not fall within the definition of ‘other Christian denominations’ at 6 above and which falls within the definition of a religion for the purposes of charity law. The Charities Act 2011 defines religion to include:

- A religion which involves belief in more than one God,
- A religion which does not involve belief in a God.

Case law has identified certain characteristics which describe the meaning of religion for the purposes of charity law, which are characterised by a belief in a supreme being and an expression of belief in that supreme being through worship.

8. ‘brother or sister’ includes:

- (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
- (ii) the child of a parent’s partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.

9. A ‘parent’ means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.

10. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown a map available from the school and will be applied to the admission arrangements for 2025-26.

To see the full policy for St Peter’s Catholic Primary School, please visit: <https://www.stpeters-noctorum.wirral.sch.uk/web/>

## St Peter's CofE Primary School

Where St Peter's Church of England Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. The highest priority is given to looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of, or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

2. Children with special medical or social circumstances affecting the child where these needs can only be met at this school.
3. Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in the Anglican Churches within the Parish of Heswall. Newcomers to the parish must have a similar Anglican affiliation in their previous parish.
4. Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in a neighbouring Anglican Church for whom this is the closest Church of England school based on the distance from the school measured by the shortest walking route from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
5. Children who have a sibling in school who will still be attending school the following year.
6. Children resident in the Parish of Heswall within the area bounded on the Easterly side by Telegraph Road (but only including those houses numbered as odd within the range of 83-291 on that road), and on the Southerly side by the Mount (including Mount Avenue), Feather Lane, the Northern part of Delavor Road (even numbers only) and Banks Road.
7. Children whose families are faithful and regular worshippers of another Christian denomination, members of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and for whom this is the closest Church of England school based on the distance from the school measured by the shortest walking route from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.
8. Other children.

### Notes

- a) Professional supporting evidence from e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.
- b) By "faithful and regular" we mean attendance at a minimum of two services per month for at least six months prior to the closing date for applications (15th January 2025). Evidence for this must be provided on the school's supplementary form.

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these (admissions) arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

- c) A parent is any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child. Where admission arrangements refer to "parents' attendance at church" it is sufficient for just one parent to attend.
- d) A map showing the boundaries is available from school.

- e) Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.
- f) Where the above criteria are not adequate to distinguish between requests for admission which cannot all be accepted without exceeding the admission limit, priority will be decided on the basis of the distance from the school measured by the shortest walking route from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

To see the full policy for St Peter's CofE Primary School, please visit: <https://heswall-st-peters.eschools.co.uk/web/home/8148>

## St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School

Where St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Looked after and previously looked after children (see note 2)
2. Baptised Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St. Werburgh and St. Laurence (see notes 3&6).
3. Other Baptised Catholic children. (see note 3)
4. Non-Catholic children whose parents wish them to have a Catholic Education.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order:

- i The attendance of a sibling at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made

### Notes (these notes form part of the oversubscription criteria)

1. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

3. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child living with a family where at least one of the parents is Catholic.

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest [who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church].

4. Sibling includes:
  - i. all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
  - ii. the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same home address as the child who is the subject of the application.
5. A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
6. For the purpose of this policy, parish boundaries are shown on a map available from the school and will be applied to the admission arrangements for 2025-26.
7. A child's "home address" refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer, and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form ("CAF"). Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.

To see the full policy for St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School, please visit: <https://www.stwerburghs.wirral.sch.uk/>

## Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Where Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Looked After and previously Looked After children. (see note 2)
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of Sacred Heart. (see notes 3 and 7)
3. Other Catholic children. (see note 3)
4. All remaining applicants.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- (i) 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 so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 4).

**Notes** (these notes form part of the oversubscription criteria)

1. An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
2. A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

3. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child living with a family where at least one of the parents is Catholic.

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest who, after consulting with the Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church.

4. 'brother or sister' includes:
  - (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
  - (ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same home address as the child who is the subject of the application.
5. A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
6. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are as shown on a map which can be found on the schools website and will be applied to the admission arrangements for 2025-2026.
7. A child's "home address" refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer, and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form ("CAF"). Where parents have shared responsibility for



a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.

To see the full policy for Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, please visit: <https://sacredheartmoreton.co.uk/>

## The Priory CofE Primary School

Where The Priory CofE Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
2. Children with special medical or social circumstances whose needs can only be met at this school. (see note a)
3. Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in the Parish Church of Christ the King, Birkenhead or The Priory Chapel. (see note b)
4. Children who have a sibling in school who will be attending school the following academic year. (see note c)
5. Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in a neighbouring Anglican Church for whom this is the closest Church of England School, measuring the distance from home to the school gate nearest to the child's home using the shortest road route unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider to be a safe walking route. (see note b)
6. Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers of another Christian denomination, as recognised by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and for whom this is the closest Church of England school, measuring the distance from home to the school gate nearest to the child's home using the shortest road route unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider to be a safe walking route. (see note b)
7. Children whose parents are faithful and regular worshippers in other religious faiths. (see note b)
8. Children who live nearest to the school, measuring the distance from home to the school gate nearest to the child's home using the shortest road route unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider to be a safe walking route.

### Notes

- a) Professional supporting evidence from eg. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.
- b) By "faithful and regular" we mean attendance at a minimum of one service per month for at least six months prior to the closing date for applications. A letter from your incumbent or minister or other officer will be required as proof of attendance.

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church [or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church [or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] or alternative premises have been available for public worship".

- c) A parent is any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child. Where admission arrangements refer to a "parent's attendance at church", it is sufficient for just one parent to attend.
- d) Siblings include step, half, foster, adopted brothers and sisters living at the same address and full brother and sister living apart.

- e) All children with birthdays between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 are admitted in September. For children with a birthday after Christmas or after Easter parents may defer entry until later in the year and the headteacher should be consulted if this option is being considered.
- f) A place at our pre – school does not give a child an automatic place into F2. Please ensure you follow the steps outlined above.

To see the full policy for The Priory CofE Primary School, please visit:  
<https://www.prioryparishprimaryschool.com/admissions-page>

## Woodchurch CE Primary School

Where Woodchurch CofE Primary School is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to child arrangements order or special guardianship order). (See note a)
2. Children with particular medical or social needs where written evidence from a specialist (e.g. Doctor or Social Worker) sets out why this is the most appropriate school. (See note b)
3. Children who have parents who are faithful and regular worshippers in the Parish of Holy Cross, Woodchurch. (See Note c)
4. Children who have a sibling in school at the time that the places were offered. (See Note d)
5. Children resident in the Parish of Holy Cross ([A Church Near You website - Parish map](#))
6. Children resident Children living nearest to the school as measured by the Wirral Local Authority Mapping System, using the shortest walking route to the school

### **Notes**

- a) A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of, or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society. Previously looked after children are 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). This also includes children who have been adopted.
- b) Professional supporting evidence from e.g. a doctor, psychologist, social worker, is essential if admission is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances, and such evidence must set out the particular reasons why the school is question is the most suitable school and the difficulties which would be caused if the child had to attend another school.
- c) "By 'faithful and regular' we mean attendance at a minimum of two services per month. Confirmation from your incumbent or minister will be required as proof of attendance on the Supplementary Information Form.
- d) Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner, and in every case, the child should be living in the same family unit at the same address.
- e) "Resident" refers to the child's permanent home at the proposed date of admission. In addition to the application form the school can request additional proof of residence such as a utility bill. Following the guidance for the L.A. coordinated scheme 'resident' also refers to children who ordinarily 'wake-up' at the address provided.

To see the full policy for Woodchurch CofE Primary School, please visit: <https://www.woodchurchceprimary.com/>

## WIRRAL COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY

Applications submitted by the 15 January 2025 will be considered first and places allocated up to the admission number of the school and in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Children who are looked after (in care), and children who were looked after but have been adopted or are subject to a residency order or special guardianship order ('previously in care').
2. Parents of children who live 'in zone' and already have older brothers or sisters at the school living in the same household at the time of the start date. If there are more children with older brothers or sisters at the school than there are places available, we will give priority to children with the youngest brothers or sisters at the school. Where there is more than one child with a sibling in the same year group priority will be given to those children who live nearest to the school.
3. Parents of pupils who live 'in zone' and nearest to the school. We measure distances from home to the school gate nearest to the child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider to be a safe walking route.

If children do not live in the school's catchment area and if places remain available, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria:

4. To children who already have older brother or sisters at the school when they are due to start and living in the same household. If there are more children with older brothers or sisters at the school than there are places available, we will give priority to children with the youngest brothers or sisters at the school. Where there is more than one child with a sibling in the same year group priority will be given to those children who live nearest to the school.
5. To pupils who live nearest to the school. We measure distances from home to the school gate nearest to the child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider to be a safe walking route.

### NOTES

- a. **Catchment zones.** Parents are advised to always include their zoned school as one of their preferences. A catchment area finder using the street name is available on the Council's website at [www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions). Please note that a place in your catchment school cannot be absolutely guaranteed, for example a school with an admission number of 30 may have more than 30 applications from parents living within the catchment area. Places would only be able to be offered up to the admission number and not beyond.
- b. **A Looked After child** is a child who is a) in the care of a 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 arrangements or special guardianship order. This also includes those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.)
- c. **Siblings.** A sibling is a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step-brother or sister or the child of the parent/carer's partner, where they are living in the same family unit/household at the same address. In the case of an infant school we will also treat a brother or sister at the junior school as a sibling but they will be given lower priority to children at the same infant school. If there are more children with older brothers or sisters at the school than there are places available, we will give priority to children with the youngest brothers or sisters at the school. Where there is more than one child with a sibling in the same year group priority will be given to those children who live nearest to the school.
- d. **Home address.** This must be the child's permanent home address where he/she lives with a person of parental responsibility as the main carer as defined by the Children Act 1989. Applicants must not give the address of a business, relative, childminder, friend, a temporary address or an address to which they hope to move. The home address must not be where parents have taken out a short term let on a property solely to

use the address on the application form without any intention of taking up permanent residence there. Arrangements where parents leave and collect children from another relative or carer on a daily basis will be regarded as childcare arrangements, and the child will not be deemed to be “ordinarily resident” with that person. Proof of residence may be requested which may include: a solicitors letter confirming completion date of a sale, a signed rental agreement showing the start and duration of the tenancy, and may include proof of sale of a previous property. Copies of Council tax and utility bills relevant to the property may also be requested. The information provided may be shared with other Departments of the Council in order to verify the authenticity of pupil’s addresses.

- e. **Applications from separated parents.** Only one application can be processed for each child; therefore it is important that both parties in shared custody arrangements are in agreement over the preferred school(s) named. Where a child spends equal time with both parents, the child’s main residence should be submitted as their home address. If agreement cannot be reached, or if neither parent has been granted a Specific Issues Order in this respect, then the application will be accepted from the parent with whom the child is “ordinarily resident”. This is defined as the address at which the child lives for the majority of the school week (Monday to Friday). Proof of address and residence arrangements will be required with the application or may be requested.
- f. **Changes of address.** Parents and carers must inform the Council immediately in writing of a change of address, even if details of a future change of residency were included on the application form. The Council will require supporting evidence to show that the place of residency has changed; e.g. a letter from the solicitor confirming the completion date; a signed rental agreement showing the start of the tenancy and its duration. In addition further information may be requested - for example, copies of council tax and utility bills or any other information considered relevant to the application including evidence of disposal of previous property. Information and supporting evidence must be received by 28 February. Proof of residency received after 28 February will not be used to assign a higher criterion for admission, but will be used to send the decision letter on the published offer date.
- g. **Deferred entry.** Parents can request deferred entry or part-time attendance up until their child reaches compulsory school age (the term following their 5th birthday). The request must be put in writing to the local authority. Parents should note that if a summer born child delays entry to the September after their 5th birthday, the child will ordinarily be expected to enter Year 1, not Foundation 2. Parents intending to request their child enter Foundation 2 rather than Year 1 are advised to apply as usual and to contact Wirral Council prior to 15 January to discuss actions. Requests will be considered on the circumstances of each individual case and will require agreement from the allocated school.
- h. **Applying for a place.** Parents must return online or paper forms to the Children and Young People’s Department by 15 January to ensure the allocation of a school place on 16 April or next working day. Applications received after the published deadline of 15 January will be dealt with once the offer of places has been sent to parents on 16 April.
- i. **Late applications.** If places remain after all “on-time” applicants have been allocated places, places will then be allocated to late applicants (received after 15 January) up to the schools admission number according to the admission criteria above.
- j. **Home to school distances.** The “shortest road route” from home to school starts at the “seed point” of the home address as provided by the Ordnance Survey compiled from Royal Mail and/or local council data. The starting point connects to the nearest point of the Authority’s digitised routing network. The digitised network is based on the Integrated Transport Network (ITN) supplied by Ordnance Survey and is accurately digitised to measure along the centre of roads. The Ordnance Survey ITN dataset is the most accurate road dataset available and is the definitive national road network for Great Britain. The ITN has been augmented by the Authority to take into account public footpaths and alleyways etc. that are approved to be safe for use by children, accompanied as necessary by an adult, by the Authority. The end point of the “shortest road route” is the nearest open gate of the school officially available for use by pupils at the start and end of the school day. The location of these gates has been set by the Authority based on information provided by the school. The shortest road route is not necessarily a driving route as it may use in part a non-driveable route, such as a footpath. The shortest road route is also not necessarily a walking route, because the measurement is along the centre of the road, not the edge (pavement or equivalent). The same measuring system must be used for pupils in relation to admission to schools as this treats all pupils equally. Other measuring systems may give a different measurement but the Authority cannot take a measurement from another system into account. Online systems that parents may use for comparison, including Google Maps and walk-it.com etc. use the free Ordnance Survey Meridian dataset which is far less detailed, and consequently less accurate. They will not have an accurate starting point, will not bar unsuitable paths, and will not include accurate positions for the gates of the school being measured to. For addresses outside the Authority’s digitised network of approximately 48 square miles, including overseas addresses, an internet mapping solution will be used, e.g.

maps.google.co.uk. As a general guide, routes without pavements AND street lighting will be considered to be unsafe. In the event that two or more applicants where this distance would be the last place to be allocated, one application will be chosen at random.

- k. **Continuing interest list.** A continuing interest list of children whose parents have expressed an interest in obtaining a Foundation 2 place at the school will be maintained until the end of August. This will include both late and on-time applicants. Priority on the list will be given in accordance with the published criteria and does not take into account how long the child has been on the list, or whether an appeal has been submitted. Each added child requires the list to be ranked again in line with the published admission criteria. The Authority will contact parents directly if a place becomes available for their child. In August, the Authority will then write to the parents of those children who have expressed a continuing interest to ask if they wish to remain on the list, which will then be held open until the end of the Autumn term. Schools cannot make offers of places to parents. It is not necessary to submit an appeal (see below) in order to be added to the continuing interest list.
- l. **In Year applications.** Applications must be made on a common Primary School Transfer form stating up to three school preferences, directly to the Mainstream Admissions team, stating the reasons why a transfer is being requested. Applications will be dealt with as set out in the Wirral Co-ordinated Scheme for Admissions.
- m. **Infant Class Size limit.** It is the duty of the governing body of schools to comply with regulations on class size limits at Foundation 2 and Key Stage 1, where classes are limited to 30 children. There are a limited number of exceptions which are set out in the School Admissions Code and in the Wirral Co-ordinated Scheme for Admissions.
- n. **Transferring from Community Infant to Community Junior schools.** All children on roll at an Infant School are eligible to transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 to the linked Junior school even if they do not live in the school's catchment area. Other children must apply for an in year transfer and the admission criteria will be applied in determining whether a place will be allocated (see above).
- o. **Appeals.** All parents will be informed of the school place allocated by the Local Authority. The notification will also inform the parent of the right to appeal and who to contact to make an appeal, which is to an Independent Appeal Panel. Parents should if possible submit an appeal in writing within 20 working days of receipt of notification of the outcome of their application.
- p. **Nursery schools and classes.** Applications must be made directly to the school. If there are not enough places for all children who have applied, the school will give priority to children who will become 4 during the academic year. Within this category, they will give priority in the following order:
- Children with a particular medical reason for going to the school
  - Children who live in the catchment area of another school which does not have a nursery class
  - Children who live in the catchment area of the school or another school which does have a nursery class
- If there are places left after all the four year olds have been offered a place, the school will then offer places to children who become 3 during the academic year in the following priority order:
- Children with special educational needs identified through a statutory assessment
  - Children whose parents receive Income Support, Income based Job Seekers Allowance, Disability Living Allowance or Working Tax Credit
  - Children whose birthday falls between 1 September and 31 December
  - Children whose birthday falls between 1 January and 31 March
  - Children whose birthday falls between 1 April and 31 August
- Within any category, the school will give priority to children who live nearest to the school measured by the shortest available walking route.
- Note that attendance at a particular nursery or pre-school does not guarantee that a place will be allocated at a particular school.**
- q. **Withdrawal of places.** The Authority has the right to withdraw any place offered on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application, including but not limited to, sibling connections or place of residence. Wirral Council regularly check addresses and **any deliberate misrepresentation will result in a place being withdrawn.** The Council acts on behalf of all Wirral admission authorities and reserves the right to request independent confirmation of the child's place of residence, as felt appropriate. The Mainstream Admissions team may have to share the information provided with other departments of the Council in order to verify the authenticity of pupil's addresses.
- r. **Children with Special Educational Needs.** Schools are obliged to offer a place to a child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that names the school following a statutory assessment.

## OAK TREE MULTI ACADEMY TRUST ADMISSION POLICY

The following admissions policy applies to the Wirral primary schools listed below, all of which are part of the Oak Tree Multi Academy Trust:

- Black Horse Hill Junior School
- Brackenwood Junior School
- Church Drive Primary School
- Egremont Primary School
- Greasby Junior School
- Great Meols Primary School
- Heswall Primary School
- Irby Primary School
- Poulton Lancelyn Primary School
- Stanton Road Primary School
- Thingwall Primary School

Where the above schools are oversubscribed, places will be allocated in the following order:

1. **Children Looked-After (CLA)** - A Child Looked-After is a child who is
  - a. in the care of a Local Authority,
  - b. a child who, in the view of the Local Authority appears to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted or c) 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). This definition includes a 'previously Looked-After Child', which is one who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
2. **Siblings** - Students' who have a brother or sister (siblings include half, adopted or step living in the same household) on roll at the school, and of statutory school age when it opens in September. Siblings **MUST** live in the same household, full time.
3. **Children of Current teaching, administrative or support staff** - Students' whose parents/legal guardians are currently teaching, administrative or support staff and have been employed for over 2 years at the time of application or less than 2 years when the member of staff has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. **Catchment Zone** - Parents of pupils who live 'in zone' and nearest to the school. We measure distances from home to the school gate nearest to the child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider to be a safe walking route.

**If children do not live in the school's catchment area and if places remain available, places will be allocated in accordance with the following criteria:**

5. **Distance from school** - We will then take account of the distance from school to where your **child lives**. Those that live the closest distance will receive priority. The Local Authority uses a mapping system, based on Ordnance Survey maps, to measure the distance from your home to the school gate nearest to your child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider a safe walking route as determined under Local Authority guidelines. When a child lives between two households, the home address distance will be calculated from the address where the child lives more than 50% of the time.