

The Governing Body of St. Joseph's R.C. Catholic Comprehensive School is the Admissions Authority for this school. The Governing Body intends to admit up to 198 pupils to year 7 in September 2010. This number will apply to Years 7 to 11.

St. Joseph's R.C. Comprehensive School serves the parishes of:

St. Aloysious	(Hebburn)
St. James	(Hebburn)
St. Matthew's	(Jarrow)
St. Joseph's	(Jarrow)
St. Alban's	(Gateshead)

These are referred to hereafter as the partner parishes.

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St. Joseph's	(Jarrow)
St. Alban's	(Gateshead)

These are referred to hereafter as our Catholic primary partner schools.

Children who are baptised Roman Catholics or have been formally received into the Catholic Church and who are Looked-after Children (Children in the care of the Local Authority) will take preference over all other Baptised Roman Catholic Children.

Children who have not been baptised as Roman Catholics nor have been formally received into the Catholic Church but who are Looked-after Children (Children in the care of the Local Authority) will take preference over all other non- Catholic Children.

Where there are insufficient places available to meet all parental preferences, priority will be given to applications in the following order:

1. Catholic Children whose home address is within the parish boundaries of one of the partner parishes and who attend a Catholic Partner School as named above:
2. Catholic Children whose home address is within the parish boundaries of one of the partner parishes and who attend a Catholic Primary School.
3. Catholic Children whose home address is outside of the parish boundaries of any of the partner parishes and who attend a Catholic Primary Partner School.
4. Catholic Children whose home address is outside the parish boundaries of one of the partner parishes and who attend a Catholic Primary School
5. Catholic Children who have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission.
6. Non – Catholic children who attend a Catholic Primary Partner school.
7. Catholic children whose home address is within the parish boundaries of one of the partner parishes and who do not attend a Catholic Primary School.
8. Catholic children whose home address is outside the Parish boundaries of one of the partner parishes (who do not attend a Catholic primary school).
9. Children of other Christian denominations who have a sibling (brother, sister, step-children or other children living permanently in the household) attending the school at the time of admission.

10. Children of other Faith traditions who have a sibling (brother, sister, step-children or other children living permanently in the household) attending the school at the time of admission.
11. Children who have a sibling (brother, sister, step-children or other children living permanently in the household) attending the school at the time of admission.
12. Children of other Christian denominations who do not have a sibling (brother, sister, step-children or other children living permanently in the household) attending the school at the time of admission.
13. Children of other Faith traditions who do not have a sibling (brother, sister, step-children or other children living permanently in the household) attending the school at the time of admission.
14. Other children.

Additional Notes

The Admissions Policy Criteria will be applied on an Equal Preference Basis.

Catholic Children are Children who have been baptised as Catholics or have been formally received into the Catholic Church. All applicants seeking admission under these criteria will be asked to provide a baptismal certificate as evidence that the child has been baptised as a Catholic or has been received into the Catholic Church.

If applicants are seeking admission under any of criteria 9 10 12 13 above, they will be asked for a letter of support from their minister or Faith leader, or suitable equivalent. For Christian applicants a baptismal certificate must be provided.

Special Educational Needs

Children who have a statement of Special Educational Need who name our school will be admitted to the school.

Tie breakers

Where there are places available for some, but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance from the centre of the home address to the school entrance will be the deciding factor, with preference being given to those whose home address is nearest to the school. The GIS used by the LA will be used.

Home Address

It is the parental address which will be used in applying the admission criteria. This means that, when stating your choice of school, you should give the parental/guardian address at the time of application. The address of childminders or other family members who may share in the care of your child should not be quoted as the home address.

Application

Formal written applications for admission must be made on the form provided by the Local Authority and returned to them by the stated date. Places will then be allocated by strict application of the above criteria, with no reference to the date of application. Parents will be notified as to whether or not their child has been allocated a place on 01/03/2010.

Waiting Lists (if applicable)

If your child has been refused admission, a waiting list, which will be available for one term in 2010, is available where priority will be given according to the above criteria based on the information provided at the time of application. The closing date for this waiting list will be 18/12/10. No waiting list will be held after this date by the school or the local authority.

T. Carney (Chair of Governors): April 2009



Separate arrangements are made for admission to Year 12 (sixth form) and are available from the school.