



# School Admission Policy 2019 - 2020

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Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School is a Catholic Primary School under the Trusteeship of the Diocese of Shrewsbury. Shropshire Council (LA) maintains it. As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. The Local Authority undertakes the co-ordination of admission arrangements.

The Catholic Faith and the Teachings of the Catholic Church have an essential role in school life and influence every aspect of the Curriculum. We ask all Parents and Carers applying for a place for their child(ren) here to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the right of Parents and Carers whose children are not of the Faith of this school to apply for and be considered for a place here.

To apply for a place at this school in the normal admission round, you must complete an online application via the Local Authority's Website: [www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions). You must also complete the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) attached to this policy. The SIF should be returned to the school office by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

***If you do not provide the information required in the SIF and return it by the closing date, together with all supporting documentation, your child will not be placed in criteria 2 to 3 and this is likely to affect your child's chance of being offered a place.***

All applications which are submitted on time to the Local Authority will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions which is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. Applications received after this date will be treated as late applications and will not be considered until after the main allocation of places has taken place.

For the school year commencing September 2019 the Governing Body has set its Admission number at 30.

Admission to the school will be made by the Governing Body. Children who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP), which names Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School as the appropriate school to meet those needs (after a thorough consultation and discussion with the school), will be offered places regardless of the following criteria (see note 1).

After that, all applications will be considered on an equal basis with the following set of Oversubscription Criteria, forming a priority order where there are more applications for admissions than the school has places available:

## **Oversubscription Criteria**

1. Looked after and previously looked after children. (See note a)
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of Our Lady of Pity, St Winefride's, Monkmoor and Our Lady Help of Christians and St Peter of Alcantara (See note b)
3. Catholic children who are resident in other parishes. (See note b)
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 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 after children in (1) above (see note d).
- (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 e).

## **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 (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, residence or special guardianship order.
- b) For a child to be considered as a Catholic, evidence of a Catholic Baptism is required at time of application. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic

Churches. For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required at time of application. 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].

- c) 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.
- d) 'Sibling' is defined in these arrangements as full, half or step brothers and sisters, adopted and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit. This does not include cousins or other family relationships.
- e) 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.
- f) In addition to their right of appeal, unsuccessful children will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. This waiting list will be maintained in order of the oversubscription criteria set out above and **not** in the order in which applications are received or added to the list. Waiting lists for admission will operate throughout the school year. The waiting list will be held open until the last day of the summer term 2020.
- g) For 'In Year' applications received outside the normal admissions round, if places are available they will be offered to those who apply. If there are places available but more applicants than places then the published oversubscription criteria will be applied. Application should be made to the school by contacting the school administrator on 01743 351032.
- h) If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Body, parents may appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Parents must be allowed at least twenty school days from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful to submit that appeal. Parents must give reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors.
- i) The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to the application.
- j) It is the duty of Governors to comply with regulations on class size limits for children aged between rising five and seven. The Governing Body may exceed the regulations for twins and children from multiple births where one of the children is the 30<sup>th</sup> child admitted. This also applies to in-year applicants who are Looked After/previously Looked After Children of UK service personnel or children who move into the area for whom there is no other school available within a reasonable distance.
- k) If a child is a "summer born child", parents may request that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred to later in the school year. However, the child must start school before the end of that school year. If a parent wishes their child to be educated out of their normal school year (kept back a year), they must discuss this with the school before applying. However, the final decision on this rests with the Headteacher.
- l) Parents may request that their child attend school part-time until he/she reaches his/her fifth birthday. However, the child would then be of Year 1 age, and therefore the offer of a reception class place could not be held over and the parents would have to apply for a Year 1 place. All applicants will be required to produce a Birth Certificate for the relevant child
- m) For children attending the school's nursery, application to the reception class of the school must be made in the normal way, to the home local authority. Attendance at the school's nursery does not automatically guarantee that a place will be offered at the school.

## **Tie Break**

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Distances are calculated on the basis of the straight line distance between a central point in the school building and a central point in the child's home. The distances will be measured using Shropshire's computerised mapping system, which is a Geographical Information System. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

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**ADMISSION TO SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Supplementary Information Form**

Surname of Child:		Forename(s):	
Address of child:		Name of any siblings currently attending Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School	
Date of Birth:			
Date from which you wish your child to attend school:		Year group into which you wish your child to be admitted:	
Your Name:		Relationship to Child:	
Your Telephone Number(s):			
Your email address:			
Is your child a Baptised Catholic:  Yes / No		<u>For Baptised Catholics:</u> Month and Year of Baptism:  Parish:  Parish Location (Town/City):	
<b><i>All Catholic applicants are required to produce a baptismal certificate or a letter from the parish priest from the parish where baptism took place to confirm they are baptised Catholic. This evidence must be provided at the time of the application to the school and before the application deadline.</i></b>			
Signed:			
Name (Please Print):		Date:	

**School use only:**

Evidence of baptism received & copied	Date.....	Signed.....
Evidence of DOB received & copied (if applicable)	Date.....	Signed.....