



ST. JOHN'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL
INNAGE GARDENS, BRIDGNORTH, WV16 4HW

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement is central to the life of St. John's School.

- 😊 We educate all our children to learn, develop and fulfil their potential.
- 😊 We aim to provide a secure, loving, family environment.
- 😊 We value and nurture each person's gifts and talents enabling all to grow in their knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith.
- 😊 We seek to accompany each other as we serve our community and journey towards God.

"I am the vine you are the branches" – John, 15.

ADMISSIONS POLICY 2019-2020

St John's is a Catholic primary school situated in the Diocese of Shrewsbury and is maintained by Shropshire Council as the Local Authority (LA). As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions.

The Governing Body has set its planned admission number at 30.

ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL will be made by the Governing Body in accordance with the stated parental preference subject to the following set of ADMISSION CRITERIA forming a priority order where there are more applications for admission than the school has places available.

1. Children who are in the care of a Local Authority (Looked After Children) and previously LAC children who ceased to be so because they were adopted as defined in the School Admissions Code
2. Baptised Catholic children who have a brother or sister in the School at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children.
4. Non-Catholic children who have a brother or sister in the School at the time of admission.
5. Other Non-Catholic children whose parents wish them to have a Catholic education.

NOTES

All Catholic applicants will be required to produce baptismal certificates which should be handed in to the school at the time of application for admission. All applicants will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions set by LA.

If category (3) is oversubscribed, the children who satisfy (2) and (3) will have priority over children who satisfy only category (3). Subsequently if in this or any category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to school.

For full details and to apply on line please visit
www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

At St John's, parents of pupils so admitted are invited to enrol them full-time in Reception in the September following their fourth birthday.

The school year 2017/18

September 2017 Children born between 01.09.12 – 31.08.13

Closing date for application 15 January 2017

The school year 2018/2019

September 2018 Children born between 01.09.13 – 31.08.14

Closing date for application 15 January 2018

The school year 2019/2020

September 2019 Children born between 01.09.14 – 31.08.15

Closing date for application 15 January 2019

- a. Parents may opt to defer entry until the start of the term after their child's fifth birthday if they wish. Summer term born children may either defer to the start of the spring or summer term as a Reception age child. Or they can defer until September after the child's 5th birthday, but the child would then normally be of Year 1 age, and therefore the offer of a place could not be held over and the parents would have to apply separately for a Year 1 place.
- b. All Catholic applicants will be required to produce baptismal certificates.
- c. It is the duty of Governors to comply with the class size limits at Key Stage One.
- d. If category (1) is oversubscribed, the children who satisfy (1) and (2) will have priority over children who satisfy only category (1). Subsequently if in any category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to the nearest entrance gate of the school measured on a straight line with those living nearer the school having priority. (Distances will be measured by the Local Authority using a computerised mapping system.)
- e. If the school is named in a statement of special educational needs of Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP), the Governing Body has a duty to admit the child to the school.
- f. All parents applying for admission to Reception year will be informed by letter sent by the Local Authority on behalf of the Governing Body and posted on 16th April, if their application has been successful.
- g. Late applications will be treated as per the policy published by Shropshire Council in the booklet "Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire".
- h. For occasional applications received outside the normal admissions round and if places are available then children qualifying under the published criteria will be admitted. If there are places available but more applicants than places then the published criteria will be applied. To change your child's school to a Shropshire school you should complete the [midterm/in year application form](#) and send it to your preferred school. There are [guidance notes](#) on the Shropshire Admission website to help completing the form.

If the school is not in Shropshire, contact the relevant local authority to see how you should apply to their schools. [You will find contact details on the direct.gov website.](#)

i. If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Body, parents can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This appeal must be sent in writing to the Clerk of the Governors at the school within 20 days of refusal. The parents must give their reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors. A copy of Shropshire Council's policy can be found in the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire booklet which is available from the website www.shropshire.gov.uk , or reference copies are available in local libraries and at the school.

i. The school operates a waiting list in accordance with Shropshire Local Authority (see the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire for details). School keeps a waiting list .If places are available then children qualifying under the published criteria will be admitted. If there are places available but more applicants than places then the published criteria will be applied. Parents who wish to remain on the waiting list must inform the school each term. Parents will be contacted if a vacancy becomes available.

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