

ST PETER'S RC HIGH SCHOOL

Admission Policy and Arrangements 2019/2020

Mission Statement

St Peter's RC High School is a community founded on mutual love and care for the individual in which the Faith of the Church underpins all our activities. Christ is our model in striving for excellence in all that we do and in valuing the unique contribution and gift of every member of our school community. St Peter's is committed to working with home and parish to enable all pupils to succeed in life.

St Peter's RC High School is a Catholic School in the trusteeship of the Diocese of Salford. It is maintained by Manchester Local Authority and is a voluntary aided school. The Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking all decisions on applications for admissions. The co-ordination of admissions arrangements is undertaken by the Local Authority.

For the school year commencing September 2019, the Governing Body has determined that the number of children to be admitted to year 7 will be 200.

The school's role is to participate in the mission of the Catholic Church by providing a curriculum, including Catholic religious education and worship, which will help children to grow in their understanding of the Good News and in the practice of their faith. The school will help the children develop fully as human beings and prepare them to undertake their responsibilities as Catholics in society. The school requires all parents applying for a place here to understand and respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the rights of parents who are not of the Catholic faith to apply for a place here.

Admissions to the school will be determined by the Governing Body. Parents must complete a Local Authority Preference Form or apply online via the website www.manchester.gov.uk then click on Schools, Education and Childcare. Or follow the link: [Year 7 secondary school application](#)

If there are fewer than 200 applications, all applicants will be offered places. If there are more applications than the number of places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied:

Category 1

Priority will be given to all Looked After Children or previously Looked After Children who are Roman Catholic over all other Roman Catholic applicants.

Category 2

Roman Catholic children who attend the following schools:

St Anne's, Ancoats
Sacred Heart, Gorton
St Brigid's, Bradford
St Francis', Gorton
St Joseph's, Longsight
St Mary's, Levenshulme
St Richard's, Longsight
St Willibrord's, Clayton
The Divine Mercy, Rusholme

Category 3

Roman Catholic children resident in the following Roman Catholic parishes:

Sacred Heart, Gorton

St Anne's, Ancoats

St Anne's, Fairfield

St Augustine's, Chorlton-on-Medlock

St Brigid's, Bradford

St Edward's, Rusholme

St Francis', Gorton

St Joseph's, Longsight

St Mary's, Levenshulme

St Richard's, Longsight

St Vincent's, Openshaw

St Willibrord's, Clayton

Category 4

Other Roman Catholic children

Category 5

Priority will be given to all Looked After Children or previously Looked After Children who are not Roman Catholic over all other applicants who are not Roman Catholic.

Category 6

Non-Roman Catholic children from the schools listed in category 2

Category 7

Other non-Roman Catholic children

In the event of the need for a final tie breaker in Category 1 – 6, distance from home to school will be considered. Within each category distance will be measured in a straight line from the centre point of the child's address to the centre point of the school as defined by the Ordnance Survey, the national mapping agency, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. Starting with those children at the top, places are then given out until the set number for the school is reached.

St Peter's RC High School has been commissioned by Manchester Local Authority to have specialist resourced mainstream provision for up to twelve children who have a statement for autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and/or specific language impairment (SLI). Although the school is responsible for the teaching and learning of these twelve children it does not control the admission of places to the provision. These decisions are made by the Local authority which has a multi agency panel to agree placements in the provisions in Manchester.

Notes for Applicants:

- a. All applications will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions which is the 31st October 2018. Applications received after this date will be **treated as a late application** and will not be considered until **after** the main allocation of places has taken place.
- 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, residence or special guardianship order.
- 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 fit the individual circumstance. Applicants should not state the address of another relative or person who has daily care of the child.
- d. A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admission Criteria. The waiting list does not consider the date the application was received or the length of time a child's name has been on the waiting list. This means that a child's position on the list may change if another applicant is refused a place and their child has higher priority in the admissions criteria.
- e. 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.
- f. If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Board, 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.
- g. The Governing Body reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to the application.