

# St John Lloyd RC Primary School

# **Admission policy 2024-25**

A place of EXCELLENCE where children can achieve their full potential in their Academic, Creative, Personal, Moral and Spiritual Development with God at THEIR side St. John Lloyd Catholic Primary School is a voluntary aided Catholic School which operates in the Catholic Community of St. John Lloyd and Blessed Sacrament Parish, within the overall provision of the Archdiocese of Cardiff.

The aim of the Governors is to offer a Catholic education and ask parents applying for places for their children to support the Catholic character and ethos of the school. St. John Lloyd Catholic Primary School fully respects the beliefs of parents and children of all denominations and backgrounds. Pupils at St. John Lloyd are taught respect and tolerance for others and there is also provision in the Religious Education programme for learning about different faiths.

St. John Lloyd Catholic Primary School will act in accordance with the relevant provisions of the statutory Codes of Practice (WAG Admissions and Appeals 2009) as they apply at any given time to maintained schools and with the law on admissions as it applies to maintained schools.

#### Admission Number: 45

The Governing Body of St. John Lloyd Catholic School has sole responsibility for admissions to the school and will admit up to the school's admission number. The minimum age of entry to the school is 4 years provided that the child's 5th birthday falls between the 1st September and 31st August of that academic year.

Please note that admission into nursery does not guarantee a full time place in Reception.

# Oversubscription Criteria

Children with an SEN/ ALN statement naming St John Lloyd Catholic Primary School will be admitted.

Where the number of applicants for admission exceeds the number of places available, places will be awarded to applicants in the under mentioned categories in the following order of priority, with Looked After and previously Looked After Children being given priority in each of the oversubscription categories. In the event of the Governors being unable to offer all children in a particular oversubscription category a place then places will be offered to multiple births and those children living closest to the school measured from the school gates at **Brynbala Way** by the safest walking route as determined by the Local Authority.

# Oversubscription Criteria

(\*\*Confirmation of Baptism will be required for categories 1b to 4.)

- 1a. Children who are in the care of the Local Authority (looked after children) or provided with accommodation by them e.g. foster parents (section106 of the Education Act 2005, All Wales Education regulations 2009)
- 1b. Baptised Catholic children whose families are residing in the parishes of St John Lloyd & Blessed Sacrament.
- 1c. Pupils with Statements of Additional/Special Educational Needs where St John Lloyd Primary School is named on the Statement will automatically be admitted.
- 2. Baptised Catholic children with a sibling currently in the school.
- 3. Baptised Catholic children not in either of the above categories but residing in the County of Cardiff.
- 4. Baptised Catholic children residing outside the County of Cardiff.
- 5. Children baptised into other Christian denominations who reside in the areas referred to in Category 1. Priority will not be given to applications in this category unless an accompanying letter is provided confirming baptism.
- 6. Children baptised into other Christian denominations who reside in areas other than referred to in Category 1. Priority will not be given to applications in this category unless an accompanying letter is provided confirming baptism
- 7. Non-baptised children who have siblings in the school
- 8. Non-baptised children including children of other faiths, who seek a Catholic education

## Definition of Sibling

Children who have a sibling on roll at St. John Lloyd Catholic Primary School in the September the applicant would begin school. Priority will be by reference to the youngest sibling in the school, the youngest commanding the highest degree of priority. Any sibling connection must be stated on the application form. For admission purposes a sibling is a child who is the brother / sister, half-brother/sister (children who share one common parent), step brother / sister where two children are related by marriage.

This definition also includes adopted or fostered children at the same address. Multiple Birth Children (e.g. twins/triplets if when applying the oversubscription criteria, the last child to be admitted is one of a multiple birth the governors will admit the other sibling(s).

#### The Admission Panel

The Admissions Panel will meet once per term to discuss applications received. Any successful applicant will then be invited to commence at the start of the following half term. An application may be considered by holding an extra ordinary meeting, allowing admittance to follow.

#### How to Apply

Any parent may apply for his/her child to be admitted to the school. A form of application can be obtained from the School Office. Every application will be considered by reference to the policy herein.

#### Right of Appeal

Where a child is refused entry to school, the Governing Body will write to the parents giving full details of why the application was refused, in light of the published criteria. Parents have the right of appeal against the decision to refuse an application. The intention to appeal must be forwarded in writing within fourteen days of the refusal letter, to the Clerk to the Governors who will present it to the Independent Appeals Committee.

### Waiting List

A waiting list will be maintained until 30th September. If an additional place becomes available the governors will consider those on the waiting list on the basis of the published oversubscription criteria and not on the date the application was received.

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