

# DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC  
COLLEGIATE

A Multi Academy Company



## St John Fisher Catholic College

with Humanities Specialist Status



Policy: 2016/17 Admissions Policy

Date: 27 January 2015

Determined 27 January 2015  
(Final) by MAC  
Board:

Name of School: **St John Fisher Catholic College**, a member of Christ the King Catholic Collegiate Multi Academy Company

The admissions process is part of the Staffordshire LA co-ordinated scheme. The Admission Policy of the Board of Directors of St John Fisher Catholic College is as follows:

The ethos of this school is Catholic. The school was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for children of Catholic families. The school is conducted by its Board of Directors as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Articles of Association and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ. We ask all parents applying for a place here to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the right of parents who are not of the faith of this school to apply for and be considered for a place here.

The School's Admission Number for the school year 2016/17 is 165

If the number of applications exceeds the admission number, the Board of Directors will give priority to applications in accordance with the criteria listed, provided that the Board of Directors are made aware of that application before decisions on admissions are made (see Note 1 below). In all categories, priority will be given to those who have a brother or sister (see Note 3 below) attending St John Fisher Catholic College, a member of Christ the King Catholic Collegiate at the time of admission and then distance.

1. Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below) who are in the care of a local authority (looked-after children) or provided with accommodation by them (e.g. children with foster parents) (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) and children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
2. Baptised Catholic children who currently attend a Catholic feeder school (see Note 4 below)
3. Baptised Catholic children who live in a feeder school parish area (see Note 4 below)
4. Other Baptised Catholic children

5. Non-Catholic children who are in the care of a local authority (looked after children) or provided with accommodation by them (e.g. children with foster parents) (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) and children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
6. Non-Catholic children who currently attend a Catholic feeder school
7. Other Non-Catholic children

### **OVER-SUBSCRIPTION**

If there is over-subscription within the category, the Board of Directors will give priority to children living closest to the school determined by shortest distance. Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the front door of the applicant's home address and the front gate of the school. The local authority uses a computerised system, which measures all distances in miles. Ordnance Survey supplies the co-ordinates that are used to plot an applicant's home address within this system (See Note 4).

In a very small number of cases it may not be able to decide between the applicants of those pupils who are qualifiers for a place, when applying the published admission criteria.

For example, this may occur when children in the same year group live at the same address, or if the distance between the home and school is exactly the same, for example, blocks of flats. If there is no other way of separating the application according to the admissions criteria and to admit both or all of the children would cause the legal limit to be exceeded, the local authority will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place. As an exception, the Board of Directors will give careful consideration to offering places above the Admission Number to applications from children whose twin or sibling from a multiple birth is admitted even when there are no other vacant places

#### **Note 1**

Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education Health Care (EHC) Plan that names the school must be admitted. This will reduce the number of places available to other applicants.

#### **Note 2**

In all categories, for a child to be considered as a Catholic, evidence of Catholic Baptism or Reception into the Church will be required. For a definition of Baptised Catholic see the Appendix. Those who face difficulties in producing written evidence of Baptism/Reception should contact their Parish Priest.

Failure to provide evidence of Catholic Baptism/Reception may affect the criterion the child's name is placed in.

#### **Note 3**

The definition of a brother or sister is:

- A brother or sister sharing the same parents;
- Half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one common parent;
- Step-brother or step-sister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage;
- Step-brother or step-sister;
- Adopted or fostered children

The children must be living permanently in the same household

**Note 4**

The designated feeder schools and appropriate parishes St John Fisher Catholic College, a member of Christ the King Catholic Collegiate are:

Designated feeder schools

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Newcastle

St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School, Wolstanton, Newcastle

Our Lady & St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School, Clayton, Newcastle

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School, Stoke on Trent

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Trent Vale, Stoke on Trent

Parishes of

Holy Trinity, Newcastle under Lyme

Sacred Heart, Silverdale and Madeley

St Wulstan's, Wolstanton

Our Lady of Sorrows, Knutton

St John the Evangelist, Chesterton

Our Lady & St Werburgh, Clayton

Our Blessed Lady & St John the Baptist, Ashley

Our Lady of the Angels and St. Peter in Chains, Stoke on Trent

St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Trent Vale

Maps of the parish areas are available to view at the school and parishes or by post on request.

**Note 5**

The home address of a pupil is considered to be the permanent residence of a child. The address must be the child's only or main residence. Documentary evidence may be required.

Where care is split equally between mother and father, parents must name which address is to be used for the purpose of allocating a school place

**APPEALS**

Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Board of Directors to refuse their child a place in the school may apply in writing to Chair of Board of Directors. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.

**REPEAT APPLICATIONS**

Any parent can apply for a place for their child at any time outside the admissions round. Parents do not have the right to a second appeal in respect of the same school for the same academic year unless, in exceptional circumstances, the admission authority has accepted a second application from the appellant because of a significant and material change in the circumstances of the parent, child or school but still refused admission.

**LATE APPLICATIONS**

Late applications will be dealt with according to the LA co-ordinated scheme.

## **APPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN TO BE ADMITTED INTO A CLASS OUTSIDE OF THEIR NORMAL AGE GROUP**

If parents wish for their child to be considered for admission to a class outside of their normal age group, they should make an application for the normal age group in the first instance. Parents should then submit a formal request to the Board of Directors. This request should be in the form of a written letter of application outlining the reasons why you wish for your child to be considered to be admitted into a class outside of their normal age group, and enclosing any supportive evidence and documentation that you wish to be taken into account as part of that request. The / Board of Directors will consider applications submitted and advise the parents of the outcome of their application before the national offer day, having taken into account the information provided by the parents, the child's best interests and the views of the Head Teacher.

If parents are considering submitting an application for their child to be admitted into a class outside of their normal age group, it is strongly recommended that they also read the DFE Guidance which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/summer-born-children-school-admission>

## **WAITING LISTS**

Waiting lists for admission will remain open until the end of December 2016 and will then be discarded. Parents may apply for their child's name to be reinstated until the end of the academic year when the list will be discarded. The waiting list will be kept by the Board of Directors in admission criteria order. This means that a child's position on the waiting list could go up or down. Inclusion of a child's name on the waiting list does not mean that a place will eventually become available.

Children who are the subject of a direction by a local authority to admit or who are allocated to a school in accordance with a Fair Access Protocol take precedence over those on a waiting list.

## **IN YEAR FAIR ACCESS POLICY**

Refer to the agreed policy with the LA for admission of previously excluded or hard to place children

## **YEAR 12 ADMISSIONS POLICY**

The admissions policy for Y12 is covered by the Trinity Sixth Form admissions policy.

There is no charge or cost related to the admission of a child to this school.

## **APPENDIX**

### **DEFINITION OF A “BAPTISED CATHOLIC”**

A “Baptised Catholic” is one who:

- Has been baptised into full communion (Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 837) with the Catholic Church by the Rites of Baptism of one of the various ritual Churches in communion with the See of Rome (i.e. Latin Rite, Byzantine Rite, Coptic, Syriac, etc, Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1203). Written evidence\* of this baptism can be obtained by recourse to the Baptismal Registers of the church in which the baptism took place (Cf. Code of Canon Law, 877 & 878).

Or

- Has been validly baptised in a separated ecclesial community and subsequently received into full communion with the Catholic Church by the Rite of Reception of Baptised Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Written evidence of their baptism and reception into full communion with the Catholic Church can be obtained by recourse to the Register of Receptions, or in some cases, a sub-section of the Baptismal Registers of the church in which the Rite of Reception took place (Cf. Rite of Christian Initiation, 399).

### **WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF BAPTISM**

The Governing bodies of Catholic schools will require written evidence in the form of a Certificate of Baptism or Certificate of Reception before applications for school places can be considered for categories of “Baptised Catholics”. A Certificate of Baptism or Reception is to include: the full name, date of birth, date of Baptism or Reception, and parent(s) name(s). The certificate must also show that it is copied from the records kept by the place of Baptism or Reception.

Those who would have difficulty obtaining written evidence of Catholic Baptism/Reception for a good reason, may still be considered as Baptised Catholics but only after they have been referred to their parish priest who, after consulting the Vicar General, will decide how the question of Baptism/Reception is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church.

Those who would be considered to have good reason for not obtaining written evidence would include those who cannot contact the place of Baptism/Reception due to persecution or fear, the destruction of the church and the original records, or where Baptism/Reception was administered validly but not in the Parish church where records are kept.

The Board of Directors may request extra supporting evidence when the written documents that are produced do not clarify the fact that a person was baptised or received into the Catholic Church, (i.e. where the name and address of the Church is not on the certificate or where the name of the Church does not state whether it is a Catholic Church or not.)

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### Supplementary Information Form

School Name: **St John Fisher Catholic College, a member of Christ the King Catholic Collegiate Multi Academy Company**

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Child's Surname	
Child's First Name(s)	
Address	
Contact Number	

Please tick the appropriate box:

Is the above named child a Baptised Catholic?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the certificate of Catholic Baptism attached?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

A certificate of Catholic Baptism should be provided in order for the application to be considered in a Catholic category. Failure to provide evidence of Catholic Baptism may affect the criterion the child's name is placed in.

Please note that you must complete a local authority application form. This supplementary information form is only for school use to enable the Board of Directors to rank applicants using the published criteria.