



ST JOSEPH'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL, RAMSBOTTOM **NURSERY ADMISSION POLICY FOR 2024/25**

St Joseph's is a Roman Catholic Primary School provided by the Diocese of Salford and is part of the St Teresa of Calcutta Trust as an Academy School. The Local Governing Board is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. For the school year commencing September 2024, the Governing Body has set its planned admissions number for the Nursery (FS1) at 20 children in the morning and 20 children in the afternoon. In order to make the Nursery (FS1) financially viable, a number of children who require full time places will be offered morning and afternoon sessions. The number of full time places is at the discretion of the Local Governing Board. Morning and afternoon places are allocated at the discretion of the school. In some years there may be flexibility in mornings and afternoons after discussions with the Nursery (FS1) staff. Parents should express this request at the time of application. Parents should be aware that not all requests can be granted. Admissions to the Nursery will be made by the Local Governing Board.

1. Baptised Roman Catholic children who are looked after/previously looked after who were born between 1.9.20 and 31.8.21.
2. Baptised Roman Catholic children with a sibling in school at the time of admission, who were born between 1.9.20 and 31.8.21.
3. Other baptised Roman Catholic children who were born between 1.9.20 and 31.8.21.
4. Other children who are looked after/previously looked after who were born between 1.9.20 and 31.8.21.
5. Other children with a sibling in school at the time of admission, who were born between 1.9.20 and 31.8.21.
6. Other children who were born between 1.9.20 and 31.8.21.
7. Baptised Roman Catholic children who are looked after/previously looked after who were born between 1.9.20 and 31.12.21.
8. Baptised Roman Catholic children with a sibling in school at the time of admission, who were born between 1.9.20 and 31.12.21.
9. Other baptised Roman Catholic children who were born between 1.9.20 and 31.12.21.
10. Other children who are looked after/previously looked after who were born between 1.9.20 and 31.12.21.
11. Other children with a sibling in school at the time of admission, who were born between 1.9.20 and 31.12.21.
12. Other children who were born between 1.9.20 and 31.12.21.

Admission to the nursery class is non-statutory therefore there is no legal entitlement to a place and there is no right of appeal. The governing body will allocate the places.

Children are expected to attend every day of the week.

Attendance at the Nursery (FS1) class does not guarantee a place in Reception (FS2) St Joseph's RC Primary School.

NOTES

- a) All applicants will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions which is set by St Joseph's School.
- b) If in any category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of a 'straw poll'.
- c) All Catholic applicants will be required to produce baptismal certificates.
- 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. Please inform school if you wish your child to be on the waiting list.
- e) For 'In Year' applications received outside the normal admissions round and if places are available then children qualifying under the published criteria will be admitted. Direct application to the school can now be made under this heading. If there are places available but more applicants than places then the published oversubscription criteria will be applied.
- f) The Governing Body reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to baptism.
- g) Parents will be informed of the governors' decision by the school. An offer of a place does not guarantee a place in the Reception class the following year.
- h) 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.
- i) If children in categories 1 to 6 are offered places, it is from September. If children in categories 7 to 12 are offered places, it is from January.