

In Year Applications – Clarification of the Determined Admissions Policy

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. A waiting list will be held of expressions of interest and if there are places available but more applicants than places, then the published oversubscription criteria will be applied. (Please see below).

General background information will be sought from the child's current secondary school for example around behaviour, attendance and academic progress. Confirmation of a place will only be made once this information had been received; this is to ensure the smoothest possible transition.

Saint Bede's applies the Termly Protocol (new admissions are made at the start of a new term) where applications are from children with a current school place and for whom there have been no significant changes in circumstances. However, this lies within the discretion of the Headteacher and alternative arrangements may be possible under extenuating circumstances.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

If the number of applications for admission exceeds the places available, children will be admitted subject to the following criteria which will be used to form a priority order.

1. Baptised Roman Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.
2. Baptised Roman Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children from the following Roman Catholic Primary Schools: St Peter's, Lytham Our Lady, Star of the Sea, St Annes The Willows, Kirkham Holy Family, Freckleton & Warton St Joseph's, Wesham
4. Other Baptised Roman Catholic children.
5. Other Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.
6. Other children who have a sibling in school at the time of admission.
7. Other children from the Roman Catholic Partner Primary Schools instanced above.
8. Children of staff employed at Saint Bede's Catholic High School for two or more years or who have been recruited to meet a particular skills shortage.
9. Baptised children from other Christian denominations.
10. Other children.

In the event of oversubscription in any of the above criteria places will be allocated according to the tie breaker criterion used by Lancashire schools for year 7 admissions. This is the distance criterion which is a straight line (radial) measure.