

## ADMISSIONS POLICY

St John's is a Roman Catholic Primary School provided by the Diocese of Salford and is maintained by Rochdale Local Authority as a voluntary aided primary school.

The school's governing body is the admission authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applicants for planned admission. For the school year commencing 2017/2018 the governing body's planned admission number is 30.

Admission to the school will be made by the governing body in accordance with the stated parental preferences it receives subject to the following criteria which will be used to form a priority order if there are more applications for admission than the school has places available.

1. Baptised Roman Catholic children who are in public care.
2. Baptised Roman Catholic children who will have a sibling \* attending the school at the time of admission and resident on the parish of St John's.
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children resident in the parish of St John's.
4. Other baptised Roman Catholic children who will have a sibling \* attending the school at the time of admission and who are resident in another parish.
5. Other baptised Roman Catholic children who are resident in another parish.
6. Other children who are in public care.
7. Other children with a sibling \* attending the school at the time of admission.
8. Other children

The Governing Body reserves the right to admit children with proven and exceptional medical and social needs where admission to the school might best help satisfy those exceptional needs.

### Over – subscription

If any of the above categories is over – subscribed, places will be allocated according to proximity and ease of access to the nearest appropriate school \*\* having available places.

(Distances are calculated by the Local Authority. Distance measurements are moderated by the principles of ease of access rather than 'as the crow flies' or as a walking route. Walking distances are deemed to be up to two miles so the assumption is that up to this distance the journey can be on foot, along recognised and lit, paved routes, overlooked by houses and safe to walk along.)

### Parish Boundary

Parents of RC children should check carefully that they are resident with the Parish boundary of St John the Baptist. A map is available from the church or school office.

## Appeals

Parents who have not been allocated a place have recourse to an Appeals Procedure. Appeals should be addressed to the Chair of Governors at this school but will be forwarded to the local authority pupil services section at Rochdale Borough Council, Floor 4, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale OL16 1XU

A waiting list will be maintained and operated in order of over-subscription criteria as set out above.

Late applications may be made at any time, on the same form available for all applications. Places will be allocated if they are available in the above priority order.

\* A sibling is defined as a brother or sister, or step-brother or step-sister living at the same address as the child for whom the application is made.

\*\* An appropriate school is defined as an RC Primary school for those children who are baptised Roman Catholics, and 'another primary school' is for other children.