

St. Mary's R.C. High School, Lugwardine, Hereford. HR1 4DR

Admissions Policy

Please Note:

All applicants to St. Mary's must complete a form SA1 (available from the Local Authority), together with the school's own application form. This form is available from the Local Authority or St. Mary's.

Oversubscription Criteria

In the event of over-subscription, applications will be considered in the following order of priority.

1. Baptised Roman Catholic children in the care system.
2. Baptised Roman Catholic children who have a special reason for admission on social or medical grounds. Admission will be at the discretion of the Governing Body. Applicants are required to produce a medical certificate or written evidence from an appropriate professional, such as a social worker, doctor or priest.
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children who are in attendance at one of the three designated Catholic primary schools.
4. Baptised Roman Catholic children in other schools.
5. Children who will have a brother or sister at St Mary's at the time of admission.
6. Children who are in attendance at one of the three designated Catholic primary schools.
7. Children of other Christian denominations in the care system.
8. Children of other Christian denominations who have a special reason for admission on social or medical grounds. Admission will be at the discretion of the Governing Body. Applicants are required to produce a medical certificate or written evidence from an appropriate professional, such as a social worker, doctor or religious minister.
9. Children of other Christian denominations who attend church regularly and whose parents/guardians support the Catholic ethos of the school.
10. Children of other Christian denominations whose parents/guardians support the Catholic ethos of the school and who have the support of a Christian minister.
11. Other children in the care system.
12. Other children who have a special reason for admission e.g. on social, physical or medical grounds. Admission will be at the discretion of the Governing Body. Applicants are required to produce a medical certificate or written evidence from an appropriate professional, such as a social worker, doctor or religious minister.
13. All other children

In the event of any category being oversubscribed the governors will use a 'tie-breaker' of the shortest practical walking route.

Notes**Roman Catholic Children**

“Baptised Roman Catholic Children” means children who have been baptised in the Roman Catholic Church and children who have been baptised into another Christian denomination and later received into the Catholic Church.

Applications from Roman Catholic children should be accompanied by the school's application form completed by parents/guardians and verified by the applicant's Parish Priest or the Priest responsible for the church normally attended by the applicant.

Evidence of baptism or reception into the Catholic Church should be made available to the Priest verifying the application form.

Other Christian denominations

“Other Christian denominations” means membership of a ‘Christian Church’, which is an organised body subscribing to the Doctrine of The Trinity.

Applications from children of other Christian denominations should be accompanied by the school's application form completed by parents/guardians and a recognised Christian minister.

A child will be considered to attend church regularly if he/she has been attending church at least monthly during the 12 months immediately before the date on the application form.

Incomplete Applications

Applicants who make incomplete applications to the school will be placed in category 13.

Designated Catholic Primary Schools

Our Lady's Roman Catholic Primary School, Hereford
St Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Primary School, Hereford
St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School, Ross-on-Wye

Brother or Sister

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
- Adopted or fostered children

Late Applications

Between 6th November 2009 and 12th February 2010 (final allocation list) it is likely that late applications will be received. Applications will be accepted on the understanding that the delay was reasonable, for example a family moving into the area. Because the individual circumstances will vary from application to application the Governing Body will decide what is reasonable.

Applications received after 12th February 2010 will be placed on a waiting list based on the oversubscription policy.