



**ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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## **Consultation on changes to the Admission Policy from 2018-19**

To change in the Change Criteria 9 criteria from:

Christians of other denominations whose parents are in sympathy with the aims and ethos of the school and whose practice is supported by a minister of religion. The order of precedence will be a) Baptised and b) Dedicated

To

9. Christians of other denominations whose parents are in sympathy with the aims and ethos of the school and whose practice is supported by a minister of religion. The order of precedence will be **a) Children from other denominations who have siblings in the school at the intended date of admission** b) Baptised and c) Dedicated

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ and to show this through the aims, ethos, rites and practices of the school. Religious Education and all liturgies and acts of worship, that children participate in, are Catholic in character.

The Governing Body has sole responsibility for admissions to this school and intends to admit 30 pupils to the Reception Class in the school year which begins in September. The school participates in Lewisham's coordinated admission scheme and annual admission is delegated to the Governors' Admission committee.

All applicants will be considered according to the following criteria, which are listed below.

1. Looked After Catholic Child or ceased to be so because they were adopted (or become subject to a residence order or special guardianship order). Looked After children in the care of Catholic families
2. Baptised Catholic children from practising Catholic families who have siblings in the school at the intended date of admission
3. Baptised Catholic children of practising Catholic families who are resident in the parish of the Annunciation and St Augustine, Beckenham Hill
4. Baptised Catholic children of practising Catholic families who are resident in other parishes
5. Other Baptised Catholic children
  - a. resident in the parish of The Annunciation and St Augustine
  - b. resident in other parishes
6. Other Looked After children
7. Children who are enrolled as Catechumens
8. Children who are members of Eastern Orthodox Churches
9. Christians of other denominations whose parents are in sympathy with the aims and ethos of the school and whose practice is supported by a minister of religion. The order of precedence will be **a) Children from other denominations who have siblings in the school at the intended date of admission** b) Baptised and c) Dedicated
10. Non baptised children where one or both parents are baptised Catholics
11. Children who are members of other faiths. Evidence of membership provided by a priest, minister or faith leader of a designated place of worship will be required

## 12. Any other applicants

### **Oversubscription Criteria**

Whenever there are more applications than places available, priority will always be given to Catholic applicants according to the order of priority.

In the event of oversubscription within each of the above categories, further priority will be awarded as follows:

- a) Criteria 2&3. The strength of evidence of commitment to the faith as demonstrated by the level of the family's Mass attendance on Sundays. This evidence must be provided by the parents/carers and be endorsed by a priest at the church(es) where the family normally worship. Applications will be ranked in the order shown on the Supplementary Form; firstly those who attend Mass weekly, then those who attend Mass 3 times a month, twice a month finally once a month.
- b) A child's exceptional educational, medical, social or pastoral need which can best be met at this school. Evidence from a relevant professional must be supplied at the time the application is made.
- c) Distance from the school as measured by the local authority's school mapping system, ie: all distances will be measured to a central nodal point in the school premises, using digitised mapping software of the area, from a nodal point in the applicant's permanent home address.
- d) In the event that two or more identical applications (ie applicants living the exact home to school distance) qualify for the last available place the place will be allocated by drawing lots.

This consultation is open for 6 weeks and the details will be circulated on the school website, St Augustine's Church website and to the Admissions Department Lewisham.