

St. Robert's Catholic



Primary

St Robert's Catholic Primary School

Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Sant Robert

Admissions Policy 2026-27

Scope	This policy applies to all stakeholders of the school
Policy Adopted By	Head Teacher and Governing Body
Signed	<i>C Beveridge</i>
Date	Autumn 2024
Date of Review	Autumn 2025

Mission Statement - 'Jesus in Us' 'Iesu ynom Ni'

Jesus and the 'Good News' that He brings is the basis of our school life.

Each person in our school is unique and our intention is that they will be Ambitious, Capable Learners, Ethically, Informed Citizens, Enterprising, Creative Contributors & Healthy, Confident Individuals.

They will be Virtue - led and develop to their full potential - with Jesus as their guide, the Holy Spirit as their inspiration and God as their loving Father.



We hope to admit to the school any pupils who wish to have an education based firmly on the principles given to us by Jesus Christ. We hope that all pupils are educated in an atmosphere of love, and learn primarily to contribute to this loving Christian atmosphere both at school and at home.

This policy refers to admissions for the academic year 2026-27 at St. Robert's Catholic Primary School which is a Catholic School founded by the Church to provide education for Catholic children. As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body has sole responsibility for admissions to the school.

The Education Act, 1980 Section 6, gives parents the right to express a preference with regard to which school their children attend. Admission to the school will be made in accordance with parental choice subject to the order of priority listed below.

(Please note: For each criteria, priority at St Robert's will be given to Looked After Children (LAC) in accordance with Section 106 of the Education Act 2005 and Education (Admission of Looked After Children) (Wales) Regulations 2009:

The criteria for admissions are, in order of priority:

1. Looked after, baptised Catholic children.
2. Baptised Catholic children.
3. Looked after children who are baptised in another Christian denomination.
4. Children who are baptised in another Christian denomination.
5. Other looked after children.
6. Children who have siblings at the school at the time of admission.
7. Children whose parents/guardians wish them to be educated in a Christian School and who support the Catholic ethos of the School.

In considering applications relating to these categories, a priority order may have to be established by reference to:

- *the age of any sibling in the receiving school; the youngest sibling commanding the highest degree of priority.*
- *the proximity of the pupil's home to the receiving school as measured by the shortest practicable walking distance. The governors will use the Routefinder GIS software system to measure all distances.*

Applications from children with special needs or additional learning needs will be considered within the context of each of the criteria and in accordance with the School's Additional Needs Policy.

For admission purposes a sibling is a child living at the same address who is the brother/sister, half brother/ sister (children who share one common parent), step brother/sister where two children are related in marriage. This definition also includes adopted or fostered children at the same address.

Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will be expected to confirm acceptance of an offer made by the Governing Body by the deadline indicated in the offer letter. Failure to do so may result in the offer being withdrawn and the place being allocated to another applicant.

Unsuccessful Applicants

Unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list for that academic year and when a place becomes available it will be allocated by the application of oversubscription criteria not length of time on the waiting list.

In Year Applications

Applications received outside the normal admission round 'in year admissions' when there is not a place available in that year group will remain on the waiting list until the end of the term in which the application is made. After this time parents will be expected to make a further application for admission to the school.

Right of Appeal

Where a child is refused entry to school, the Governing Body will write to the parents giving full details why the application was refused, in light of the published criteria. Parents have the right of appeal against the decision to refuse an application which will be heard by an independent appeal panel. The determination of the appeal panel will be made in accordance with the Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals and is binding on all parties. The appeal must be forwarded in writing to the Clerk to the Governors c/o St Robert's Catholic Primary School.

For further information please contact the school.

All completed application forms should be sent to:-

St Robert's Catholic Primary School

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