

Diocese of Hallam

Admissions Policy for All Saints Catholic High School for the Admissions Year 2018/19

The Admission of Pupils into Hallam Diocesan Schools

The family of Catholic schools across the Diocese of Hallam offers a Catholic, Gospel based education for children whose parents seek a genuine alternative to other good schools. These schools are communities of faith where God is recognised and named. They are rooted in the Church's concept of mission and in living out a Christian lifestyle; they present a picture of Christ to catch the imagination.

Each Catholic school in the Diocese, in partnership with home and parish, has been established to be an integral part of the local Catholic community, which shares the mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel of Christ. The provision of this network of schools in the Diocese is primarily intended to provide a place at a Catholic school for all baptised members or catechumens of the Catholic Church.

The Admission of Pupils into Catholic High Schools in Sheffield.

Within the City of Sheffield, the Catholic community has a rich tradition of nurturing and developing high quality Christian education. In addition to fourteen Catholic primary schools, the Diocese is responsible for two Catholic High Schools: All Saints and Notre Dame. In continuing this rich tradition, the Catholic Diocese of Hallam is committed to maintaining and developing these schools for the benefit of the Diocesan community and the Common Good. A maximum of 170 of the available places in each High School are prioritised for Catholic children. The remaining places will be prioritised for non- Catholic children who are in public care or were previously in public care, for children who regularly attend Christian Churches which are full members of Churches Together in England at the time of application and for those children wanting a Christian education.

Parental preference

The Children and Young People's and Families Service (CYPF) common application form provides the opportunity for parents/carers to express up to three choices of school. All applications for a place will be considered on an equal preference basis, applying the oversubscription criteria (as set out below), regardless of whether the school is your first, second or third preference. Ranking by preference will only be used where there would be more than one potential offer of a place within the Local Authority's co-ordinated admissions scheme.

The Admission of students into All Saints Catholic High School

All Saints Catholic High School is an 11-18 co-educational comprehensive school situated on Granville Road, Sheffield. The Governing Body is the Admissions Authority.

Students will be admitted at the age of eleven without reference to ability or aptitude. The Governors have set the admission limit for September 2018 as 205.

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available and subject to the prioritised places policy described above, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below, to decide which students to admit.

A maximum of 200 places is prioritised for children in categories 1-4 inclusive, of which a maximum of 170 places is prioritised for Catholic children.

Category 1

Children in care (Looked After Children) and children who were previously in care who have been baptised into the Roman Catholic Church, those formally received into the Roman Catholic Church, Catechumens, Candidates for Reception and those members of Churches which are in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church

Category 2

Children who have been baptised into the Roman Catholic Church, those formally received into the Roman Catholic Church, Catechumens, Candidates for Reception and those members of Churches who are in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church and

- a) are siblings of children already attending All Saints Catholic High School
- b) attend the designated feeder schools of All Saints Catholic High School
- c) live in the parishes serving the designated feeder schools of All Saints Catholic High School
- d) other Catholic children

A list of those Eastern Catholic Churches which are in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church is available from the Diocesan Schools' Department.

Category 3

Children in care (Looked After Children) and children previously in care who are not baptised Catholics.

Category 4

Children who are practising members of Christian Churches which are full members of Churches Together in England at the time of application and **who have the written support of their minister (on Form MR1) and:**

- a) are siblings of children already attending All Saints Catholic High School and who currently attend one of the school's designated feeder schools
- b) are siblings of children attending All Saints Catholic High School
- c) attend the designated feeder schools of All Saints Catholic High School
- d) are other children with an appropriate minister's reference.

Category 5

Children whose parents are seeking a Christian environment for their child's education and **who are supported by an appropriate reference (on Form AR1)* and:**

- a) are siblings of children already attending All Saints Catholic High School
- b) attend the designated feeder schools of All Saints Catholic High School and are active members of other World Faiths or other Christian denominations and have the written support of their religious leader.
- c) are active members of other World Faiths or other Christian denominations and have the written support of their religious leader.
- d) attend the designated feeder schools of All Saints Catholic High School.
- e) are other children with an appropriate reference.

* References for sub categories 5a, d and e may be obtained from the child's primary school or from an independent person with knowledge of the child.

Category 6

Other children.

Oversubscription Criteria (Tie-Breaker)

In the event of the school reaching capacity mid category, the Governing Body as Admissions Authority will allocate places using a random computer allocation process for all of the students in that category, which will be independently monitored.

If your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place at All Saints Catholic High School, he/she will be placed onto the school's waiting list, which will be maintained according to the school's admissions criteria.

Each time a place (or places) becomes available at the school a new round of random allocation will take place to determine a child's position on the waiting list, each time a place being allocated to the child that occupies top position on the waiting list.

Closing Date

The closing date for applications for September 2018 will be **31 October 2017**. Offers of school places will be made on **1 March 2018** which is the national allocation date.

Late Applications

Late applications will be considered in accordance with the Local Authority's coordinated admissions scheme

Waiting List

The school will maintain a waiting list of unsuccessful applicants, the order of priority being determined by the application of the oversubscription criteria.

Appeals

Unsuccessful applicants have the right of appeal against the Governors' decision to refuse a place at the school. Such appeals against non-admission will be heard by an independent Appeals Committee formed in accordance with the DfE Code of Practice. Details of the appeals process will be made available to all unsuccessful applicants. Reference to this is included in the notes which accompany the application form.

Further details of the admissions criteria and process may be obtained from the Clerk to the Governing Body at the school.

Children within the In-Year Fair Access protocol

Children within the In-Year Fair Access protocol will be considered as appropriate with reference to the LA's said protocol.

The Designated Feeder Schools for All Saints Catholic High School

Emmaus Catholic and C of E Primary School
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School
St Theresa's Catholic Primary School
St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School (*Joint Designation*)

Definition of a Sibling

A sibling is one of a group of children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters, or the child of a parent's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling. It also includes natural brothers and sisters where the child for whom the school place is sought is not living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling. In each case the sibling must be attending the preferred school at the point of entry.

In circumstances where an older sibling attends a school sixth form, sibling priority will only be afforded if the older sibling attended the school prior to Y12.

Definition of a Catechumen

Catechumens are those children who have expressed an explicit desire to be baptised into the Roman Catholic Church and who are currently preparing to receive the same by regular participation in Sunday worship and a recognised programme of preparation.

Definition of a Candidate for Reception

Candidates for Reception into Full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church are those children already baptised in another Christian tradition who have expressed an explicit desire to be incorporated into the Roman Catholic Church and who are currently preparing to be received into the Church by regular participation in Sunday worship and a recognised programme of preparation.

Definition of Children in Care (Looked After Children)

A child in care (Looked After Child) is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (Sect 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). A child previously in care (previously Looked After Child) is a child who immediately after being in care (looked after) became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.

Churches Together in England

Membership of Churches Together in England is subject to regular review. To access an up to date list of member churches please visit their web site at www.cte.org.uk. Confirmation of full membership of Churches Together in England should be obtained via the Minister/Religious Leader's reference on form MR1.

Other Christian denomination

Christian churches which are not full members of Churches Together in England. A completed form MR1 (Minister's reference) is required in support of an application within this category.

Feeder school parishes

Details of parish boundaries may be obtained from either your Parish Priest or the Diocesan Schools' Department.

Please note:

If you have any queries about completing the application form, then please contact the head teacher of your child's primary school, the Clerk to the Governors of All Saints Catholic High School on 0114 2743537 or the Diocesan Schools' Department on 0114 2566440 or email schools@hallam-diocese.com