



St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Applications for admission to St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School will be considered from parents who desire for their children a Catholic education. The admission number for entry is 30.

Applications should be made on the Essex Common Application Form which must be returned directly to the LEA by the published closing date. You must also complete the Supplementary Information Form which should be returned to the school by the same date.

Children will be considered for admission using the following criteria, listed in order of priority.

CATEGORY 1 Looked after children from Catholic families.

CATEGORY 2 Baptised Catholic children resident in the Parishes of St James the Less & St Helen (Colchester), St John Payne (Greenstead) and St Monica's (Wivenhoe) where one or both parents are known to be regularly practising as evidenced by the Priest Reference Form *. (This will be sent to all Catholic applicants in the January preceding their child's start date).

CATEGORY 3 Baptised Catholic children resident in the Parishes of St James the Less & St Helen (Colchester) St John Payne (Greenstead) and St Monica's (Wivenhoe).

CATEGORY 4 Baptised Catholic children resident in the District of Colchester where one or both parents are known to be regularly practising as evidenced by the Priest Reference Form *. (This will be sent to all Catholic applicants in the January preceding their child's start date).

CATEGORY 5 Other looked after children.

CATEGORY 6 Children from families with a commitment to other Christian churches as evidenced by the appropriate Minister of Religion.

CATEGORY 7 Children from families with a commitment to other religions as evidenced by the Religious Leader.

CATEGORY 8 Any other application will be considered if places remain.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

In the event of over subscription in any category the following criteria in the order given below will be used to determine priority.

1. * In category 2 & 4 the Priest's Reference Form will be used to determine priority. Those attending more frequently will have higher priority. Governors will give no preference to applicants where both parents are Catholics.
2. Those children who have brother(s) or sister(s) in the School in any but the final year.
3. The straight line distance from the school will be taken into account, with those living nearer the school having a higher priority.
4. The medical conditions of children may have priority at the Governors' discretion - with due regard to the efficient running of the School, that is, the efficient education of the children in a given year group and the efficient use of School resources. Evidence of medical considerations must be presented at the point of application.

Notes:

- The acceptance of a child into the School does not automatically guarantee a place for brothers and sisters - e.g. admission to Reception class does not automatically gain admission to other years for other siblings.
- In applying for a place at the School the Governors assume that you will support the Catholic ethos of the School, the teachings of the Church, and School policies from time to time in force.
- Parents will be informed of the result of their application in early May by the LEA.
- Parents whose application has been unsuccessful have the right of appeal. Details of this are available from the School.

Children will enter the School according to their birth date:

Children born between 01 September - 28/29 February in the Autumn Term,

and

Children born between 01 March - 31 August in the Spring Term.

Pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs

The admission of pupils with a statement of Special Educational Needs is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. This procedure is integral to the making and maintaining of statements by the pupil's home Local Education Authority. Details of this separate procedure is set out in the *Special Educational Needs Code of Practice*.