

## **CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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### **ADMISSION POLICY and arrangements for admission for September 2011**

1. As required by the Education and Inspection Act 2006 and the Education (Admission of looked After Children) (England) Regulations 2006, Christ the King Catholic Primary School gives the highest priority to Children Looked After.

A Child Looked After is a child in care of a Local Authority or provided with accommodation by the Authority (as defined in Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989) at the time of application and allocation.

2. As required by law, all children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school will automatically be admitted.
3. Christ the King is a Catholic primary school situated in the Diocese of Lancaster and maintained by Blackpool Local Authority.
4. Christ the King is a Catholic Primary School in which the Catholic faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church are important aspects of school life and influence the school curriculum. The Governors welcome applications from Catholic and non-Catholic parents who would like their children educated within the aims and ethos of Christ the King is a Catholic Primary School.
5. The Governing Body is responsible for admissions within the requirements of the law. In doing so, the Governing Body has a regard for:
  - (a) the advice of the Diocesan Trustees on the nature and purpose of Catholic schools;
  - (b) the Governing Body's responsibility towards the school and the Catholic community it serves;
  - (c) the Catholic character of the school and its Mission Statement.
6. The Governing Body has set the planned admissions number for 2011/12 at 30. The Local Authority and other parties required by law have been consulted on this.

Children will be admitted in the following order:

1. Children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming Christ the King Catholic Primary School
2. Catholic children who are in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation by that authority as defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.
3. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of Christ the King on the closing date for applications.
4. Other Children who are in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation by that authority as defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.
5. Catholic children who are residing elsewhere.
6. Children with a sibling(s) already attending the school at the time of entry into the Reception Class and who are baptised in another Christian denomination.
7. Children with a sibling(s) already attending the school at the time of entry into the Reception Class and who are not of the Christian faith.
8. Other children who are baptised in another Christian denomination who are on roll at the Nursery Class at the school on the closing day for applications.
9. Other children who are on roll at the Nursery Class at the school on the closing day for applications and who are not of the Christian faith.

At all stages prior to the completion of the application form it will be made clear to parents that attendance at the nursery unit of Christ the King does not guarantee that a child will be admitted to Reception Class of the main school.

10. Other children

If the number of children in any of the categories 1-9 is greater than the places available, applications will be further ranked as follows:

- a) Children who the LA can confirm to be Transient children, asylum seekers or refugee children
- b) Children living nearest the school as measured in a straight line distance from the main entrance of the school to the Ordnance Survey point of the applicant's address. The Ordnance Survey address point is a point within the boundary of the property and is usually located at its centre. Distances are measured using the Council's Geographic Information System  
Where two or more applications are tied, the distance between home and school, measured as a straight line, will be used as a tiebreaker.

A Waiting List for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admissions Criteria. Parents may contact the school to ascertain their child's position on the waiting list. This list will operate until the end of the autumn term.

Parents should note that submitting a late application could reduce your chance of gaining a place at your preferred school.

Where there are extenuating circumstances for an application being received after the last date for applications, and it is received before the governors have established their list of pupils to be admitted, then it will be considered alongside all the others. Otherwise, applications, which are received after the last date, will be considered after all the others, and placed on the waiting list in order according to the criteria.

Where there are twins or multiple birth children wanting admission and there is only one single place or insufficient places available to admit within the admission number, then parents will be advised a random draw will take place. If insufficient places can be offered then the parents will be advised to go to appeal for the other child/children.

<sup>1</sup> Catholic is defined as a person who has been accepted into the Catholic Church through the Rite of Baptism. Parents may be required to provide a Baptism Certificate

<sup>2</sup> A sibling means a full or half brother or sister or a step/foster brother or sister living at the same address.

<sup>3</sup> The address used on the school admission form must be the current one at the time of application. Where the parents live at different addresses the one where the child wakes up for the majority of Monday to Friday mornings will be used. Parents may be asked to provide evidence e.g. child benefit booklet. Where there is a dispute over the current address the Governors reserve the right to make enquiries of a third party e.g. the child's General Practitioner.