



## Nursery Admissions Criteria

2021/2022

St Joseph's Nursery is part of St. Joseph's School. Catholic doctrine and practice permeates every aspect of the Nursery's activity. It is essential that the Catholic character of the Nursery's education is fully supported by all families in the school. All applicants (parent or carer) are therefore expected to give their full, unreserved and positive support for the aims and ethos of the Nursery.

The first and most important criteria for the school as well as the Nursery will be to determine that the child comes from a **Practising Catholic Family** (*see notes*).

**A Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and Certificate of Catholic Practice**, which is obtained from St. Joseph's School and must be returned to the school's office by the published deadline. Governors will use this information to decide who will be offered places. Successful applicants will then be offered a part time place.

If more applicants are submitted than there are places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be taken into account:

### **Oversubscription Criteria:**

1. Baptised Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice, who are resident in the parish of St Joseph's. (*see notes*).
2. Baptised Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice, who are resident in the parish of St Gabriel's. (*see notes*).
3. Any other baptised Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice.
4. Any other children who are baptised Catholic.
5. Any other children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice
6. Any other children

**If there are more applicants than there are places available in any one of the categories listed above, places will be allocated based on:**

a) The attendance of a brother/sister (see note 3) at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within a category, so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made .

### **Notes**

1. Parish boundaries are those determined by St. Joseph's Church and St. Gabriel's Church. A map of the boundaries can be obtained from St. Joseph's Church or St. Gabriel's Church respectively.
2. 'Practising Catholic Family' means regular family attendance at Sunday mass, which is confirmed by a Certificate of Catholic Practice in the standard format laid down by the Diocese. A Catholic Family normally includes the Catholic or Catholics who have legal responsibility for the child.
3. **Brother or Sister'** includes:
  - i. All natural brothers and sisters, half-brother and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters, stepbrothers and sisters, foster brothers and sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address, and
  - ii. The child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.

**Parents must give full details of any medical, social or special educational needs and any involvement with outside agencies. Failure to supply such information will result in the offer of a place being withdrawn.**

**Please note that acceptance of a child into the Nursery does not represent an undertaking to admit the child into the main school.**