

The Catholic Academy Trust in East Berkshire St Mary's Catholic Primary School

St Mary's Catholic Primary School (the School) is within The Catholic Academy Trust in East Berkshire subsequently known as The Frassati Catholic Academy Trust part of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. The School primarily serves the Parish community of St Joseph's Catholic Church, Cookham Road, Maidenhead. Admission of pupils to the School is the responsibility of The Catholic Academy Trust in East Berkshire (subsequently The Frassati Catholic Academy Trust), who are the designated Admissions Authority. The trustees have delegated such matters to the Local Governing Body of St Mary's.

First entry arrangements are consistent with the coordinated admissions scheme operated by the RBWM. The statutory Admission Number for first entry into the School is 45, and is subject to a maximum infant class size of 30 children. Children born between 1st Sept. 2013 and 31st Aug. 2014 will normally enter School in Sept. 2018. If it is considered to be in the child's best interests, parents have the right to defer entry until the start of the term following the child's fifth birthday, or request part time attendance. It is recommended that parents notify the school by end November 2017 if they are seeking to defer entry for their child. However, if parents of summer born children (1st Apr to 31st Aug 2014) wish to defer entry until Sept.2019 an application must be made for the subsequent admissions year and there can be no guarantee of a place.

A child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEND or EHC Plan) will be admitted automatically if the School is named by the parents. Applications are considered strictly in the following order - with category a) having the highest priority:

- a) Catholic looked after children and previously looked after children.
- b) Catholic children with a sibling in the School at the time of admission.
- c) Other Catholic children.
- d) Other looked after children and previously looked after children.
- e) Other children with a sibling in the School at the time of admission.
- f) Unbaptised children of a Catholic parent.
- g) Members of other Christian churches.
- h) All other applicants. This category includes all children who do not fall into higher categories, or where the necessary documentation is not provided.

If the School does not have sufficient places for all children in one category, priority will be given to the child/children closest to the School. Unsuccessful applicants at first entry will be placed on a waiting list which will be maintained by the School from the National Offer Day until the end of the Reception Year

It is strongly recommended that parents refer to our Admissions Policy for 2018/2019 for full information on the procedure, definitions and documentation required. Please contact the School or go to the School website (www.stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk) for the full Admissions Policy and a Supplementary Information Form which assists in ensuring that children are placed in the correct priority category.