

Admissions – Top Tips (from the Sheffield City Council Guide for parents 2021/22)

1. You must apply online, or complete a Common Application Form (CAF)

If you do not submit an application your chances of being allocated a place at a school you prefer, will be limited. If you do not apply for a school place the Admissions Team will allocate a school for your child. Places are not “reserved” at your catchment area school. If you do not make an application, you will not be offered a place.

2. Complete the Form by 31 October 2020 or apply on line by 16 October 2020

We will receive over 6,000 applications for entry to Secondary School in September 2021. If you apply late, your application will be considered after all others so you will have less chance of obtaining a place at your preferred school.

3. Be realistic in expressing your preferences

You are free to apply for whichever school(s) you wish. You are strongly advised to read the information in this booklet about outcomes in previous years although there is no guarantee that outcomes will be the same as in past years. You need to work out where you are on the list of priorities for entry for any school you wish to consider. Please make informed choices.

4. Remember, whilst you can apply for any school, that does not mean that your child will receive a place there

If a school is oversubscribed, we have to apply the oversubscription criteria which are provided on page 8 of this booklet. These criteria determine which children have priority for admission, please read and understand them. If you are applying for a Church Aided school their criteria are also contained in the booklet.

5. Make sure you know who is making the decision about admissions

For Community Schools the City Council makes the decision. For Voluntary Aided (Church), Trust, Foundation Schools and Academies it is the Governing Body.

6. Consider your options carefully

The Authority cannot advise you to apply for your catchment area school. If you do not include your catchment area school as one of your preferences and you are unsuccessful in obtaining a place at another school, you will not be automatically offered a place there. If for example your catchment school has become full with pupils whose parents applied there, you may be offered the nearest school to your home address that has available places. This may be some distance away. You may wish to consider applying for your catchment school as your second or third preference.

Frequently asked questions

What is the catchment area for All Saints?

We do not have a catchment area, our policy is based around faith criteria and feeder schools

Which schools are feeder schools to All Saints?

- 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

How do you decide who is allocated a place?

Each application is categorised according to the information submitted by parents/carers regarding religion and this information is submitted to the local authority who allocate places according to this rank and the individual preferences. The admission policy gives more information about categories.

What happens if you run out of places within a category?

If there are more students than places within a category the local authority will go to the tie-breaker, random computer allocation to select the students.

Were you oversubscribed last year?

Yes, we had 541 applications for 205 places.

What was the last category admitted?

The 200 places were filled mid category 8 (all category 8 with siblings were admitted) with 6 from 53 in category 8 admitted. In line with our policy a further 5 children were admitted from category 9 sibling onwards. Whilst you may find this information helpful, it cannot be used as a guide for future admissions as numbers vary year on year.

Is it important what order I place my preferences in on the application?

Yes, if all three schools have places available you will be allocated your first preference. If only two have places available, you will be allocated whichever is your highest preference.

Any more questions?

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