



St. Antony's Catholic College

in partnership with Loreto Grammar School

Admissions Policy Statement – September 2017 Intake

St Antony's is an 11-16, mixed, voluntary-aided, Catholic College situated in Urmston. The Governors are responsible for the admission of pupils to the school, although the co-ordination of admission arrangements is undertaken by Trafford LA. For the school year commencing **September 2017** the planned admissions number is **130**.

Pupils will be admitted according to the following priority order. These criteria will be applied in the same way in the event of over-subscription and late applications.

- 1 "Looked after" and previously "looked after" children (As defined in the Children's Act 1989 and the Adoption & Children's Act 2002) who are baptised Roman Catholics.
- 2 Baptised Roman Catholics, with siblings (**see note i**) attending St. Antony's at the time of the applicant's proposed admission, who attend associated primary schools (**see below**) in the Trafford District of the 'St Ambrose Barlow' Deanery (Salford Diocese).
- 3 Baptised Roman Catholics who attend associated primary schools (**see below**) in the Trafford District of the 'St Ambrose Barlow' Deanery (Salford Diocese).
- 4 Other Baptised Roman Catholics, with siblings (**see note i**) attending St. Antony's at the time of the applicant's proposed admission.
- 5 Other Baptised Roman Catholics.
- 6 Non-Catholic "looked after" children and previously "looked after" children (As defined in the Children's Act 1989 and the Adoption & Children's Act 2002).
- 7 Non-Catholic children with exceptional needs (**see note k**).
- 8 Non-Catholic children, with siblings (**see note i**) attending St. Antony's at the time of the applicant's proposed admission, who attend associated primary schools (**see below**) in the Trafford District of the 'St Ambrose Barlow' Deanery (Salford Diocese).
- 9 Non-Catholic children, who attend associated primary schools (**see below**) in the Trafford District of the 'St Ambrose Barlow' Deanery (Salford Diocese).
- 10 Other Children, with siblings (**see note i**) attending St. Antony's at the time of the applicant's proposed admission.
- 11 Other Children.

Associated Primary Schools in the Trafford District of the 'St Ambrose Barlow' Deanery (Salford Diocese)

St. Monica's, Flixton;
Our Lady of the Rosary, Davyhulme;
St. Ann's, Stretford;
St Alphonsus, Brooks Bar.

English Martyrs, Urmston;
St. Hugh of Lincoln, Lostock;
St Teresa's, Firswood;

NOTES

- a) The governing body is the admissions authority.
- b) The 'Information for Parents' Booklet, together with Guidance Notes and the Common Preference Form, giving details of Trafford's co-ordinated admissions arrangements, will be sent to all parents of Year 6 children resident in Trafford by September 2016. The booklet will also be available on the Trafford website.
- c) Parents of children residing in Trafford must complete and return the Trafford Common Preference Form by **31st October 2016**. Parents can name 6 or more preferred schools, within or outside Trafford, in order of preference. Non-Trafford residents must complete the form from their own Authority (LA), and must adhere to the published timetable for that LA.
- d) Applicants resident in Trafford will be sent a letter from Trafford by 1st class post on **1st March 2017** informing them of the outcome of their application. Applicants resident in another authority will receive a letter from that authority informing them of the outcome of their application. The closing date for the acceptance of places is **15th March 2017**. An offer of a place does not guarantee a place for brothers and sisters in subsequent years.
- e) Once the initial allocations have been advised, unsuccessful applicants can apply to Trafford to be included on a waiting list for any vacancies which subsequently arise at St. Antony's. The waiting list will be retained until the end of the autumn term and be run in accordance with the school's oversubscription criteria. Unsuccessful applicants will be advised of the right to appeal to an independent appeals panel [See note o) for further information].
- f) Baptised Roman Catholics **must** forward a photocopy of the child's Baptismal Certificate directly to the **school**. Failure to do so, if St Antony's is oversubscribed, may result in your application for a place being considered against lower priority criteria, as the governing body will have no information upon which to assess the application on the basis of your child's baptism.
- g) If in any category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of proximity to the school, measured in a straight line, from the front door of the child's permanent place of residence to the main entrance of the school. This will be calculated using property co-ordinates provided through a combination of the Trafford Local Land and Property Gazetteer (BS7666) and Royal Mail Postal Address Information. In the case of a child living in a block of flats the distance will be measured from the communal entrance of the building.
- h) In the case of parents who are separated and where child-care arrangements are shared between two addresses, the average of the distances of the two addresses from the school will be used for the purposes of determining priority for admission. Applicants may be required to provide proof of residency and failure to do so may result in the offer of a place being withdrawn.
- i) The term 'siblings' will be taken to include half/step/adopted/foster brothers and sisters, and children of partners living in the same household. The governing body reserves the right to give special consideration to twins or triplets to prevent breaking the sibling link.
- j) Late applications will only be considered after all on time applications have been dealt with, and will be treated as per the co-ordinated arrangements published by Trafford LA.
- k) Applications for children with proven and exceptional medical and social needs (**criteria 7**) must be submitted with appropriate evidence from a medical practitioner, minister of religion, senior social worker or qualified professional, indicating why St. Antony's is the most suitable school for the child.

l) If a child has a statement of special needs naming a specific school there is a duty for the school to admit the child.

m) The Governors reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to baptism, sibling connections or place of residence.

n) For 'In-Year' applications (those received outside the normal admissions round ie all applications made during the academic year, and applications for admission to age groups other than the normal year of entry), please see separate In-Year Admission information.

o) Under the terms of the 1998 Education Act you have the right to appeal against any decision made by the Admission Authority and an Independent Appeals panel has been set up specifically for this purpose. If you wish to exercise your right of appeal you must notify Trafford of your intention, by contacting the Democratic Services section (912 4221/2798) and requesting an Appeal Form. Appeals against a decision relating to an In-Year application must be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged. The decisions of an independent appeals panel are binding on the admission authority and the parents/carers.