

ST JOHN PLESSINGTON CATHOLIC COLLEGE

ADMISSIONS POLICY SEPTEMBER 2010

St John Plessington Catholic College is an 11-18 co-educational Catholic Secondary School under the Trusteeship of the Diocese of Shrewsbury. It is maintained by Wirral Local Authority.

As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. The co-ordination of admissions is undertaken by the Local Authority. For the academic year commencing September 2010, the Governing Body has set its admissions number for Year 7 at 220.

Admissions to the College in Year 7 will be made by the Governing Body, in accordance with its published criteria. All preferences listed on the Local Authority Preference Form will be considered on an equal basis.

If the College is oversubscribed, applications for admissions will be considered in priority order, according to the following criteria:

1. Where applications are received from Catholic and other children in public care they will respectively be admitted to the College in that priority order and in advance of the following oversubscription criteria.
2. Children with 'siblings' on roll at time of admission to St John Plessington Catholic College.
3. Children from our partner Catholic Primary Schools and St Luke's Parish:
Christ the King (Bromborough); Our Lady and St Edward's (Birkenhead);
St Anne's (Rock Ferry); St John's (New Ferry); St Joseph's (Birkenhead);
St Laurence's (Birkenhead); St Michael and All Angels (Woodchurch);
St Peter's (Noctorum); St Werburgh's (Birkenhead).
4. Children from other Catholic Primary Schools
5. Baptised Catholic children from other Primary schools.
6. Other children whose parents wish them to have a Catholic education.

Within priorities 2 to 4 the Governors will give preference to Catholic children.

NOTES

- a) All applicants will be considered at the same time, and after the closing date.
- b) The Governing Body reserves the right to check evidence of baptism into the Roman Catholic Church.
- c) Sibling is defined as:
 - i. A brother or sister by the same parents
 - ii. A half or step-brother or sister living in the same household

iii. Children under the guardianship of the same parents

iv. An adopted brother or sister.

d) (Roman) Catholic children:

i. This means children who are baptised Roman Catholics

ii. Children who are under instruction (having provided satisfactory confirmation of this).

e) If category 3 is oversubscribed, children who satisfy 2 and 3 will have priority over children who satisfy only 3. Subsequently, if in this or any other category there are more applications than places available; priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to College. Distance will be measured by the shortest walking route from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the College using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system with those living closer to the College receiving the higher priority. In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applicants where this distance would be the last place/s to be allocated, a random lottery will be implemented between the applicants where the distance is the same. The random lottery will be carried out in a public place. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required numbers of names will be drawn out.

f) The Governing Body reserves the right to admit children with proven and exceptional medical and social needs where admission to the College might best help satisfy those exceptional needs, providing that such application is submitted with appropriate evidence or reports from a doctor or social worker. If the College is named in a Statement of Special Educational Needs, the Governing Body will admit the child to the College

g) For occasional applications received outside the normal admissions round, and if places are available, then children qualifying under the published criteria will be admitted. If there are places available, but more applicants than places, the published over-subscription criteria will be applied.

h) If an application for admission has been refused by the Governing Body, parents may appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This appeal, giving reasons, must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the College within 14 days (10 working days) of refusal. The decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governing Body.

i) The Governing Body reserves 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.

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY: SEPTEMBER 2010

In addition to places available for students already in the College, the Governing Body will make available a further 30 places for external students. All prospective students should refer to the Entry Qualifications for individual courses of study, as published annually in the Sixth Form Prospectus. If more applications are received from external candidates than the number specified, the criteria applied at Year 7 will be used to determine admissions.

NOTES

- a) Arrangements will be instituted by the College to allow discussion of subject choice with those applying for the Sixth Form as internal or external candidates.
- b) The Governing Body expect that all students specifically selecting a Catholic Sixth Form education will wish to be fully involved in the ethos and spiritual life of St. John Plessington Catholic College.
- c) If an application for admissions from either internal or external candidates has been refused by the Governing Body, parents may appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This appeal, giving reasons, must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the College within 14 days (10 working days) of refusal. The decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governing Body.