

St Joseph's Preschool

Admissions Policy for 3 year olds

Introduction

Our preschool is a registered charity (no 1153598). It is intended to serve as an educational and childcare provision for Catholic children living in the parishes of St Joseph's Catholic Church, Derby and our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Mickleover, Derby.

Applications are welcome from Catholic and non-Catholic families. Commitment to the Catholic faith will be given priority in admissions to preschool. The first indicator of such commitment will be Catholic baptism, you may be asked to provide a baptism certificate.

Hours of attendance

As far as possible we will offer the hours and days requested. If some or all of these are not available, we may offer alternative hours or days or the option to add the application to our waiting list.

Application deadline

All applications, Catholic and non-Catholic should be received by 31st March.

Waiting list

Should any application for admission be unsuccessful then the name of the child concerned will, if the parent wishes, be placed on our waiting list. Should a place become available and there is more than one child on the waiting list, the admissions criteria will be applied.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

We are an independent organisation and are not part of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School; a separate application for admission to school would need to be made at the appropriate time to your local authority.

Admissions criteria

Our registration with Ofsted allows us to have a maximum of 28 children at preschool at any time. We allocate places using the following order of category:

Criteria 1 Catholic children who are looked after or were previously looked after by a local authority

Criteria 2 Catholic children living in the parishes of St Joseph's Derby and Our Lady of Lourdes Mickleover Derby

Criteria 3 Catholic children living outside the above named parishes

If we have any unallocated places these may be made available to non-Catholic applications and will be allocated using the following non-Catholic criteria:

Criteria 1 Non-Catholic children who are looked after or were previously looked after by a local authority

Criteria 2 Children who are baptised or dedicated members of other Christian churches

Criteria 3 Non-Catholic children whose parents are seeking a Christian environment for their child

Tie Breakers

If any of the above criteria are oversubscribed, priority will be based on the following order of category:

Criteria 1 Children who will be 3 years old at the start of the preschool year

Criteria 2 Children who had a sibling attend preschool

Criteria 3 Children with a sibling currently attending St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Criteria 4 Date of application; places will be allocated in order of length of time on the waiting list

Parents of children who are not of the Catholic faith should be aware that if their application is successful, they will be expected to give their full support for the aims, ideals and routines of our preschool. These routines include the children saying a prayer at the beginning of preschool sessions and at lunch times.

This Policy was reviewed and updated at a Trustees meeting held on 11th November 2021

Signed by Date 11th November 2021

Name of signatory Teresa Hall

Role of signatory Chairperson