

**Academy Admission Policy for
St Augustine's Catholic School, a member of the St Margaret Clitherow Catholic
Academy Trust**

within North Yorkshire Local Authority

2020-2021

St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Academy was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for baptised Catholic children. The school is run by the Board of Directors of St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Academy Trust as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Trust Deed and Articles of Association and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ.

Whenever there are more applications than places available priority will always be given to Catholic applicants in accordance with the oversubscription criteria listed below.

The Board of Directors is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for determining the academy's admissions policy. The Planned admission number for September 2020 is 96

The Admissions Policy Criteria will be applied on an Equal Preference basis.

How and When to apply

Applications must be made on the Local Authority Common Application Form. Parents applying to a Voluntary Aided Catholic school must also complete the supplementary information form (SIF) available from the school and school website. Receipt of the SIF will be acknowledged by the school, and it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that all forms are returned by the closing date set by the Local Authority.

Late Applications

Any applications received after the closing date of 31st October 2019 will be accepted but may be considered only after those received by the closing date. Supplementary information may be submitted to the school up to the last day of the autumn term.

Children with an **Educational Health and Care Plan** which names our school in their plan will be admitted to the school if the school can meet their needs.

Oversubscription Criteria

Parents are asked to note that admission to Catholic Primary Schools is no guarantee of entry into St Augustine's School

Where there are insufficient places available to meet all parental preferences, priority will be given to applications in the following order:

1. Catholic Children who are looked after or were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they became adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.
2. Children who are baptised Roman Catholic (see note 1)
3. Other Children who are looked after or were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they became adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.

4. Children of staff at the school (see note 2)
5. Children, who are not Catholic but have an older sibling (see note 3) attending the school in September 2020
6. Children, who are baptised or dedicated members of other Christian Churches.(see note 4)
7. Other children.

If applicants are seeking admission under criteria 1, 2, or 6 above, they will be asked to produce a certificate of Baptism or suitable equivalent, such as a letter of support from a Church Leader.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. Definition of Catholic

Children who have been baptised as Catholics or have been formally received into the Catholic Church. All applicants seeking admission under criteria 1 or 2 will be asked to provide evidence that the child has been baptised as a Catholic or has been received into the Catholic Church. A baptismal certificate or a letter from their priest confirming their baptism or reception into the Catholic Church will suffice.

2. Children of All school Staff

Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

3. Definition of Sibling

Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.

Where an application is received for multiple births and only one place is available, governors will endeavour to offer places to all the siblings, where Health and Safety considerations will allow.

4. Christian Churches in England

See

<http://www.cte.org.uk/Groups/234772/Home/Contacts/Member Churches list/Member Churcheslist.aspx> -

All applicants seeking admission under criteria 6 will be required to provide a baptismal certificate or a letter confirming their baptism.

5. Tie-breaker

Where there are places available for some, but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance from home address to the school entrance will be the deciding factor with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. The measurement is made from a fixed point within the dwelling, as identified by Ordnance Survey, to the nearest school entrance.

6. Right of Appeal

