



Diocese of Middlesbrough
Academy Admission Policy for
St Augustine's School, a member of the St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Academy
Trust
within North Yorkshire Local Authority
2021-2022

St Augustine's School 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 2021 is 96

The named feeder schools are: St Peter's Scarborough, St George's Scarborough, St Hilda's, Whitby, St Hedda's, Egton Bridge, St Joseph's, Pickering, St Benedict's, Ampleforth, St Mary's Malton and Our Lady and St Peter's, Bridlington.

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 Catholic Academy should also complete the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) as if the school is oversubscribed; the information contained within the SIF will allow the Board of Directors to identify which over subscription criteria your application is to be considered against. All forms must be returned by the closing date set by the Local Authority. Failure to provide a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) could affect the category your application is placed in. Please note that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to complete all forms and supply evidence – reminders will not be sent.

Children with an **Educational Health and Care Plan** which after formal consultation names our academy in their plan will be admitted to the school.

Late Applications

Any applications received after the closing date will be accepted but considered only after those received by the closing date.

Oversubscription Criteria

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

Catholic Children

1. Catholic 'children looked after' (in public care) and Catholic children previously 'looked after' but ceased to be so because they became adopted or became subject to a residence or special guardianship order immediately following having been looked after.
2. Catholic children from our named feeder schools.
3. Catholic children of members of academy staff who have been employed at the academy for two or more years in September 2021 or who teach a subject where there is a demonstrable shortage.
4. Other Catholic children.

Other Children

5. Other 'children looked after' (in public care) and other children previously 'looked after' but ceased to be so because they became adopted or became subject to a residence or special guardianship order immediately following having been looked after.
6. Children of members of academy staff who have been employed at the academy for two or more years in September 2021 or who teach a subject where there is a demonstrable shortage.
7. Children from other Christian denominations (see note 3) from our named feeder schools.
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9. Other children from our named feeder schools.
10. Other children.

Tie-breakers

Siblings. First priority in each category will be given to siblings (see note 4) that is, children who will have older brothers or sisters attending the academy in September 2021.

Distance. 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, Distance will be measured by *the shortest walking route*. from the child's home address to the main entrance of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, 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 using footpaths and roads. The routes measured to determine the allocation of school places will be those recognised by the electronic mapping system used by NYCC.

If the admission number is reached at the point at which the next applicant resides in a home equal distance from the last successful place(s) offered, the last place will be offered by drawing lots. When the application of this rule would lead to the separation of twins or multiple birth siblings, both (or all) will be admitted.

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 any of criteria 1 to 4 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. Definition of Looked After Child in Public Care

A **looked after child** is a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989):

3. Definition of children of other Christian denominations.

"Children of other Christian denominations" means: children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledging God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above.

All members of Churches Together in England and of CYTÛN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis. All applicants seeking admission under any of criteria 6 will be asked to provide evidence that they are members of another Christian denomination. A baptismal certificate or a letter from their religious leader will suffice.

http://www.cte.org.uk/Groups/234772/Home/Contacts/Member_Churches_list/Member_Churches_list.aspx -

4. 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 and is in attendance at the same school on the date of admission.

5. Multiple Births

For twins and multiple births, where only 1 place remains the additional child(ren) will also be offered a place in school.

Right of Appeal

Where a parent has been notified that a place is not available for a child, every effort will be made to help the parent to find a place in a suitable alternative school. Parents who are refused a place have a statutory right of appeal. Further details of the appeals process are available by writing to the Chair of Governors at the school address.

Home Address

It is the parental address which will be used in applying the admission criteria. This means that, when stating your choice of school, you should give the parental/guardian address at the time of application. The address of childminders or other family members who may share in the care of your child should not be quoted as the home address.

Waiting Lists

If your child has been refused admission, a waiting list is available where priority will be given according to the above criteria based on the information provided at the time of application. The waiting list will be open until the end of the autumn term. Then parents should contact the school.

This policy was last consulted on between October 2019 and Friday 6th December 2019

Unless changes are proposed, the policy will next be consulted upon in October 2020