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## Admissions Policy

The Governing Body are the Admissions authority for the school and this policy is agreed with the Local Authority and the Diocese.

The school has a published admission number of 30 for the admission of children to the Reception class each year, a number that has been agreed upon after consultation between the governing body and the Local Authority. All applications must be made using the Bolton Council website. All children who reach the age of five during the school year are eligible for admission to Reception at the start of the Autumn Term. The governors will not place any restriction on admission unless the number of applications exceeds 30. If this is the case places will be allocated using the following oversubscription criteria. They are listed in order of priority.

You may still show our school as your preference even if you do not attend Church and your application will be considered on the basis of our Admissions Criteria which is listed below. If you need further help or advice you should contact the school.

N.B. All children with an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) with St. Maxentius named as the desired school will be admitted. The remaining places will be allocated using the criteria shown below.

### **Oversubscription criteria :**

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children. (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 at the time of making an application to a school. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).
2. Brothers and sisters of children already attending St. Maxentius C.E. Primary School at the time of admission. This will include full brothers and sisters, and foster, adopted, step and half brothers or sisters living at the same address.
3. Children who attend together with at least one family member or are regular attenders of St Maxentius Church, Anglican churches which reside within the Turton Moorland Team Ministry or any other Anglican Church.
4. Children of families who, together with at least one family member, are regular attendees of another Christian church that is a member of the National / Local Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, or the Evangelical Alliance.
5. Children with 'Exceptional Medical or Social Needs'. Professional evidence (from a doctor, psychologist or social worker) will be required for such applications and will be objectively assessed. This evidence must state why the child should attend St Maxentius CE Primary School.
6. All other children. Places will be awarded based on geographical proximity to the school. Those whose usual home address is nearest to the school. This will be measured using the Local Authority's agreed system from the front door of the child's home to the front gate of the school. In the event of a child having shared parenting the address used will be the home in which the child sleeps the majority of the school week.



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If you are seeking a place under category 3 or 4 oversubscription criteria, you should complete the school's supplementary form which is available from the school office on request. The form should be returned to school by the admission deadline.

### Twins

Infant classes must not contain more than 30 pupils with a single school teacher. Additional children may only be admitted under limited exceptional circumstances. Where there are children of multiple births wishing to be admitted and the sibling is the 30th child, the governors may admit over the infant class requirement if it is possible to do so.

### Appeals

Where the school is unable to offer a place because the school is oversubscribed, parents have the right to appeal to an independent admission appeal panel, set up under the School Standards and Framework Act, 1998, as amended by the Education Act, 2002. Appeals are administered through Bolton Council.

### In Year Applications

For in-year applications received outside the normal admissions round, if places within the year group required are available, then a place will be offered to those who apply. If there are places available but there are more applicants than places then the oversubscription criteria (above) will apply.

For any further information, please contact the school on 01204 333106 or Bolton School admissions on 01204 332092.

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