



St. Monica's Catholic Primary School
Admission Policy for Admission in September 2025

1. St. Monica's Catholic Primary School is promoted by the Diocese of Northampton and is maintained by Milton Keynes Local Authority.
2. The Governing Body of the school is responsible for determining and administering the policy relating to the admission of pupils to the school. It is guided in that responsibility by the requirements of the law, by the advice of the Diocesan Trustee and its duty to the school and the Catholic community.
3. The School primarily serves the parishes of St. Augustine's, Heelands and St. Bede's, Newport Pagnell.
4. The Governing Body has set as its planned admission number into Reception as 60, for the school year commencing September 2025.
5. Parents wishing to apply for a place in the school for their child in the school year commencing September 2025 must apply online by visiting the following website: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/school-admissions (If parents have no internet access please visit the school office.) Parents must also complete the Supplementary Information Form provided by the School.
6. The Governing Body will consider all applications according to the criteria set out below without reference to the ability or aptitude of the child.
7. Children with a statement of Special Educational Needs naming St. Monica's Catholic Primary School will be given priority for admission within the normal admission round for children starting school for the first time. Children requiring admission to other year groups and who have a statement of Special Educational Needs will also be given priority for admission.

In the case of oversubscription, the Governors will give priority to children in the following order:

- a. Catholic looked after children, previously looked after Catholic children or Catholic children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- b. Baptised Catholic children of practising families from the parishes of St. Augustine's, Heelands and St. Bede's, Newport Pagnell, and whose application is supported by their parish priest or the priest where they worship.

- c. Baptised Catholic children of practising families from other parishes whose application is supported by a priest.
- d. Other Catholic children.
- e. Looked after children, previously looked after children or children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- f. Children from other Christian* (see definition of other Christian) denominations whose parents wish them to receive a Christian education.
- g. Children from other faith backgrounds whose parents are prepared to support the ethos of the school (see below) and whose application is supported by their minister of religion.
- h. Children whose parents want them to receive a Catholic education.

For admissions into our school in September 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, all applicants to our school were successful.

Within each category places will be allocated in the following order:

1. Children with a sibling who will be attending the school at the time of admittance. A sibling is a brother or sister, which for admission purposes means brothers and sisters of whole or half blood or any other children (including an adopted child) who permanently resides at the same address and for whom the parent also has parental responsibility.

In cases where there is one remaining place available and the next child on the waiting list is one of a twin, triplet or other multiple birth groups, the following will apply:

Both twins would be admitted (or all the siblings in the case of multiple births) even if this goes above the admission number for the school.

2. Distance will be measured by the shortest walking route from the child's home to the main entrance of the school using the Local Authorities computerised and measuring system with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

Similarly, please be aware that in the case of oversubscription for aged 3+ admissions to the Nursery the Governors will give priority to children as per the above criteria.

With regard to supporting the Catholic ethos of the school as mentioned above, we expect that all parents will give their full, unreserved and positive support for the aims and ethos of the school. This does not affect the right of an applicant who is not Catholic to apply for and be admitted to a place at the school in accordance with the admission arrangements.

*Definition of other Christian:-

All members of Churches Together in England and CYTŪN 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.

