

Admissions Policy 2014

The governing body determines the admissions to St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy. The criteria for admission reflect the nature of the foundation of the academy by the Sisters of Mercy, who are the trustees of St. Anthony's, admitting Roman Catholic girls and where places are available girls of other faiths. The admission number is 210.

Parents wishing to express a preference for St. Anthony's, as the Academy they wish their daughter to attend, must make this clear when they complete their application form taking care to submit it to the local authority within the time fixed for returning this form.

Girls who have a statement naming St. Anthony's will be offered a place.

Each year Sunderland local authority will invite parents to express a preference for a particular school/academy. Places up to the admission number will then be allocated according to the published criteria.

The Governors of St. Anthony's will allocate places according to each criterion on an equal preference basis.

The criteria are as follows:

1. Looked after baptised Roman Catholic girls in the care of a local authority or girls that were looked after by the local authority and immediately after that became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order (see definitions) wherever resident.
2. Baptised Roman Catholic girls from the Roman Catholic primary schools attached to Roman Catholic parishes within St. Bede's Deanery, Sunderland. They are as follows (in alphabetical order):
 - English Martyrs RC VA Primary School
 - St. Anne's RC VA Primary School
 - St. Benet's RC VA Primary School
 - St. Cuthbert's RC VA Primary School
 - St. John Bosco RC VA Primary School
 - St. Joseph's RC VA Primary School
 - St. Leonard's RC VA Primary School
 - St. Mary's RC VA Primary School

- St. Patrick's RC VA Primary School
 3. Baptised Roman Catholic girls resident within the parishes of St. Bede's Deanery, Sunderland, who do not attend one of the Roman Catholic primary Schools listed in 2.
 4. Baptised Roman Catholic girls resident in parishes outside the deanery.
 5. Looked after girls in the care of a local authority or children that were looked after by local authority and immediately after that became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order (see definitions) who are not Roman Catholic.
 6. Girls of
 - a. other Christian denominations
 - b. other faiths
 with sisters already attending St. Anthony's Girls' School at the time of admission.
 7. Girls of
 - a. other Christian denominations
 - b. other faiths
 attending the Roman Catholic feeder primary schools (listed in criteria 2).
 8. Girls of
 - a. other Christian denominations
 - b. other faiths
 with parents and carers who would like them to benefit from the Roman Catholic ethos of St. Anthony's Girls' School.
 9. Girls with parents and carers who would like them to benefit from the Roman Catholic ethos of St. Anthony's Girls' School.

Notification of offer of a place will be sent on 3rd March 2014

Additional notes:

1. Evidence

Applicants seeking admission under criteria 1,2,3 and 4 must provide evidence of being baptised into or having been formally received into the Roman Catholic Church.

Applicants seeking admission under criteria 6, 7 and 8 must clearly express a desire to be educated within the Roman Catholic ethos of St. Anthony's Girls' School and provide evidence of being baptised into or having been formally received into a Christian denomination other than the Roman Catholic church (see definition of "Christian denomination") or in the case of other faiths evidence of their faith commitment with a letter from their Faith Leader.

2. Definition of, "Catholic"

Children who have been baptised as Catholics or who have been formally received into the Catholic Church. All applicants seeking admission under criteria 1 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.

3. Definition of, "St. Bede's Deanery"

The following Roman Catholic parishes belong to St. Bede's Deanery:

- **St. Benet** (The Causeway, Monkwearmouth SR6 OBH)
- **St. Hilda** (Beaumont Street, Southwick SR5 2JD)
- **Sacred Heart and St. John Bosco** (Chiswick Road, Hylton Castle SR5 3PY)
- **St. Mary** (Bridge Street, Sunderland SR1 1TQ)
- **St. Cecilia and St. Patrick** (Ryhope Road, SR2 7TG)
- **St. Joseph** (Paxton Terrace, Millfield SR4 6HP)
- **Holy Family** (Gardiner Road, Grindon SR4 9PS)
- **Holy Rosary** (Arbroath Road, Farringdon SR3 3LD)
- **Immaculate Heart** (Springwell Road SR3 4DF)
- **St. Anne** (Hylton Road, Pennywell SR4 9AA)
- **St. Leonard** (Tunstall Village Road, Silksworth SR3 2BB)
- **St. Patrick** (Smith Street, Ryhope SR2 ORG)

4. Definition of, "looked after girl"

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):

5. Definition of, "sister"

Sisters may be full sisters, half sisters, adopted sisters, step sisters, 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.

6. Definition of, "other Christian denominations"

Defined as Christian faiths belonging to, "Churches Together in Britain and Ireland" - please see www.churches-together.org.uk for further details of membership.

7. Definition of "adoption order".

An adoption order is an order made under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

8. Definition of "residence order".

A "residence order" is an order outlining the arrangements as to the person with whom the child will live under section 8 of the Children Act 1989.

9. Definition of "special guardianship order".

A special guardianship order is an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian or guardians" (Section 14A Children Act 1989).

10. Tie breaker

Where there are places for some, but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance from the home address to the school will be the deciding factor, with preference being given to those whose address is nearest to the school when measured by the shortest pedestrian route using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system with those living nearer the school receiving the higher priority.

11. Right of Appeal

Parents who are refused a place have a statutory right of appeal. Further details of the appeals process are available by writing to the Admissions Secretary at the school address.