

St Anthony's Girls' School, Sunderland
Admissions Policy 2012-13

The governing body determines the admissions to St. Anthony's. The criteria for admission reflects the nature of the foundation of the school 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. (It should be noted that each year the number of places available for girls of other faiths is small). The admission number is 210.

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

Girls who have a statement of Special Educational Needs naming St. Anthony's will be offered a place.

Each year Sunderland LA will invite parents to express a preference for a particular school. 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. Catholic girls in the care of a Local Authority.
2. Catholic girls from the Catholic primary schools attached to 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. Catholic girls resident within the parishes of St. Bede's Deanery, Sunderland, who do not attend one of the Catholic primary Schools listed in 2.
 4. Catholic girls resident in parishes outside the deanery.
 5. Other girls in the care of a local authority.
 6. Girls of
 - a. other Christian denominations
 - b. other faithswith sisters already attending St. Anthony's Girls' School at the time of Admission.
 7. Girls of
 - a. other Christian denominations
 - b. other faithsattending the Catholic feeder primary schools (listed in criteria 2).
 8. Girls of
 - a. other Christian denominations
 - b. other faiths
 9. Other Girls

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 will be asked for a letter of support to confirm their church membership from their Minister or Faith Leader, or suitable equivalent.

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 - 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.

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, Farrington 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 0RG)

4. Definition of, "Children in the care of a local authority"

A child who is looked after by a Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989 (b) at the time application for admission to the school is made.

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. Tie breaker

Where there are places for some, but not all applicants within a particular criterion, distance from the centre of the home address to the main entrance of 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.

8 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.

9. Waiting Lists

If your daughter has been refused admission, you can request that your daughter's name be placed on the school's waiting list. If places become available, we will consider all relevant applications based on the waiting list, which will be maintained for the full academic year.

Places will be allocated by strict application of the above criteria, with no reference to date of application. Parents will be notified as to whether or not their daughter has been allocated a place by the date published by the Local Authority.