



# SS John Fisher & Thomas More Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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## Admissions Policy for the Nursery Class 2017/2018

SS John Fisher and Thomas More is a Roman Catholic Primary School under the trusteeship of the Diocese of Shrewsbury. As a Catholic Voluntary Academy the Wythenshawe Catholic Academy Trust is the Admissions Authority.

All decisions relating to admissions applications will be taken by the Governing Body of this school.

Admission to the nursery class at SS John Fisher and Thomas More Catholic Primary School will be on a full time basis \* and made by the Governing Body in accordance with the stated parental preference subject to the following set of ADMISSION CRITERIA forming a priority order where there are more applications for admission than the nursery has places available.

For the school year commencing September 2017 the Governing Body has set its admissions number at 52.

1. Baptised Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.
2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the Primary school at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of SS John Fisher and Thomas More as defined in its historical boundaries up to 2010.
4. Baptised Catholic children from other parishes as defined in their historical boundaries up to 2010.
5. Other Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children
6. Other children who have a sibling in the Primary school at the time of admission.
7. Other children.

### Notes:

- a) 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 under section 22 (1) of the Children's Act 1989. A previously looked after child is one who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
- b) All Catholic applicants will be required to produce baptismal certificates.
- c) In all cases priority will be given to those children whose 3rd birthday falls between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.



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- d) **Admission to the Nursery classes does not necessarily secure admission to the Primary school.**
- e) If in any other category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including the community entrance to flats) to the main entrance of the school using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system with those living nearer to the school having priority. In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applicants where this distance would be last place/s to be allocated, a random lottery will be carried out in a public place.
- f) Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for part of a week, the child's "permanent place of residence" will be determined as the address of the parent who normally has responsibility for the majority of school days in a week.
- g) Sibling is defined as a 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.
- h) The Governing Body reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to baptism, sibling connections or place of residence.

**\* Full time places will be dependent on Local Authority funding for 2017/2018.**