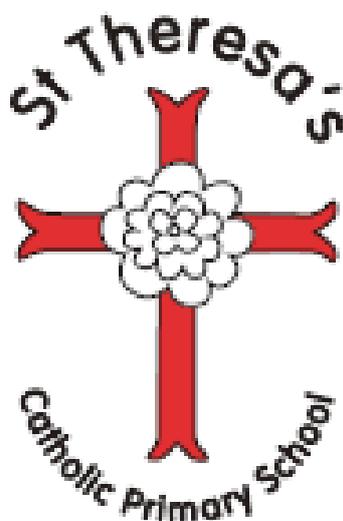


St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School, Blacon

Mission Statement:

Fully valuing everyone in the love of Jesus.

Caring and Learning together.



Nursery Admissions Policy September 2027-28

Policy date: February 26

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ST THERESA'S CATHOLIC NURSERY

ADMISSIONS POLICY SEPTEMBER 2027

ADMISSION TO THE NURSERY CLASS at St Theresa's Catholic Primary School will be on a part time basis and made by the admissions authority in accordance with the parental applications subject to the following set of ADMISSIONS CRITERIA forming a priority order where there are more applications for admission than the Nursery has places available. For the school year commencing September 2026 the admissions authority has set its admissions number at 52.

1. Looked after and previously looked after children (see notes 2&3).
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Theresa's (see notes 3&11).
3. Catholic children who are resident in the parish(es) of St Francis, St Columba's, St Werburgh's and St Clares for whom **St Theresa's** is the nearest Catholic school (see notes 3&11).
4. Other Catholic children (see note 3).
5. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 4).

NOTES

- a) Admission to the Nursery Class does not necessarily secure admission to the Primary School.
- b) 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child who is part of a Catholic family where a letter from a priest demonstrates that the child would have been baptised or received if it were not for their status as a looked after child (e.g. a looked after child in the process of adoption by a Catholic family).

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their Parish Priest [who, after consulting with the

Diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church].

- c) Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Distances are calculated [on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the front door of the child's home address (including the community entrance to flats) and the main entrance of the school] [using the local authority's computerised measuring system on the following basis (Distances are measured using Ordnance Survey mapping in conjunction with local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) to identify each property and the school. A straight line measurement in miles is taken from the place of residence to the school to calculate the distance. Those living nearest to the school will have priority). In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.
- d) 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.
- e) 'Brother or sister' includes:
 - (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
 - (ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.
- f) The admissions authority 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.