



St Mary's Catholic High School

This document explains how places were allocated at the school for admission to Year 7 in September 2025.

Admission number (number of places available) – 260

Number of preferences received on time (by the closing date) –

How places were allocated

St Mary's Catholic High school is a Voluntary Aided School.

All applications were processed using the 'equal preference' system as explained in the 'Applying for a Year 7 place 2025/26 booklet'.

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school. Places offered – 3

Criterion 1. Looked after children and previously looked after children. This includes 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.

Places offered under this criterion – 0

Criterion 2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.

Places offered under this criterion – 32

Criterion 3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parishes of St Edmund Arrowsmith, St John Rigby and St Margaret Clitherow (the parishes formerly known as St Ambrose Barlow; St Joseph; Sacred Heart, Atherton; Sacred Heart, Leigh; Holy Family; Twelve Apostles; Our Lay of the Rosary; St Richard's and St Gabriel's).

Places offered under this criterion – 49

Criterion 4. Other baptised Catholic children.

Places offered under this criterion - 9

Criterion 5. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.

Places offered under this criterion - 55

Criterion 6. Children attending one of the following Catholic feeder primary schools in the parishes named in criterion 3 above:

Holy Family Boothstown, Sacred Heart Atherton, Sacred Heart Leigh, St Ambrose Barlow, St Gabriel's, St Joseph's, St Richard's, Twelve Apostles.

Places offered under this criterion – 56

Criterion 7. Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.

Places offered under this criterion – 27

Criterion 8. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith group.

Places offered under this criterion – 3

Criterion 9. Other children.

Places offered under this criterion – 26

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Places in criterion 9 were allocated to the 26 pupils living nearest to the school. The last of these places was allocated to a pupil living 1.893 miles from the school.

Applications received after the closing date of 31 October 2024 are deemed to be late and only considered after applications received on time. Changes of preferences received after the closing date are also classed as late applications.

For details of how the waiting list operates and how to appeal, please see the information sheet 'Waiting Lists and Appeals'.