

# *St. George's R.C. High School*

*"A Specialist Technology College"*



## **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

*September 2010*

St. George's R.C. High School is a Roman Catholic Secondary School provided by the Diocese of Salford and is maintained by the Salford Authority as a Voluntary Aided School. St. George's was awarded 'Specialist School' status in July 2006 and is now a 'Specialist Technology College'. The School's Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. For the school year commencing September 2010, the Governing Body has set its planned admissions number at 110.

The Governors recognise that the first responsibility of the school is to serve the Roman Catholic community for which it has been established. This is focused on designated parish communities and the Roman Catholic primary schools that are partners in providing for those communities. In establishing their over subscription criteria, the Governors have also taken full account of the Code of Practice produced by the Department for Children, Schools and Families and the emphasis placed on supporting children in public care.

The nominated parish communities served by the school are:

1. St. Edmund's, Little Hulton (incl Our Lady and the Lancashire Martyrs)
2. St. Joseph's, Little Hulton
3. Christ the King, Walkden.

The partner primary schools are:

1. St. Edmund's Little Hulton
2. Christ the King, Walkden

Admission to the school will be made by the Governing Body in accordance with the following set of criteria which will be used to form a priority

order if there are more applications for admission than the school has places available.

## Admission Arrangements - September 2010

1. **Baptised Roman Catholic pupils who are in the care of the Local Authority (Looked After Children).**
2. **Baptised Roman Catholic pupils who live in the nominated parishes of St. Edmund's (including Our Lady & the Lancashire Martyrs) St. Joseph's, Christ the King and who attend partner primary schools serving these nominated parishes.**
3. **Baptised Roman Catholic pupils who attend a partner primary school but who do not live in the nominated parishes.**
4. **Baptised Roman Catholic pupils who live in the nominated parishes of St. Edmund's (including Our Lady & the Lancashire Martyrs), St. Joseph's, Christ the King and who attend other Roman Catholic primary schools.**
5. **Baptised Roman Catholic pupils who attend a Roman Catholic Primary school.**
6. **Baptised Roman Catholic pupils who live in a nominated parish but do not attend a Roman Catholic primary school.**
7. **Baptised Roman Catholic primary pupils who do not live in a nominated parish and who do not attend a Roman Catholic primary school.**
8. **Baptised Roman Catholic children who have a brother or sister who will be attending St. George's High R C High School at the time of admission.**
9. **Non-Catholic Looked After Children.**
10. **Other children attending partner primary schools who are not baptised Roman Catholic.**
11. **Non Catholic children with a brother or sister who will be attending St. George's R C High School at the time of admission.**
12. **Proof of baptism in the form of a baptismal certificate or confirmation that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Faith leader is required.**
13. **Other children who are not baptised Roman Catholic.**

## **OVER SUBSCRIPTION**

In the course of allocating places for children within criterion 1 to 13 of the above criteria, it is possible that the School's Admission Number will be reached before all the children within that criterion have been allocated places. If that happens all of the children within that criterion (but not children in higher criteria whose places will be assured) will be ranked according to distance from the school. This would involve a measurement being made between the child's permanent residence and St. George's using an appropriate computer software programme. Those children who live closest to the school will be those who get priority for places.

## **NOTES**

- a) All applicants will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admission which is Friday 23 October 2009.
- b) Roman Catholic applicants from non associated primary schools will be asked for a Baptismal Certificate.
- c) Brothers and sisters are defined as blood brothers and sisters, step-brothers and step-sisters and brothers and sisters by adoption.
- d) Parents should check carefully whether they are resident within the parish boundary of one of the designated parishes. Maps illustrating these boundaries are available from the school.
- e) If an application has been turned down by the Governing Body, parents can appeal to an Independent Appeals Committee. This appeal must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the school within 14 days of refusal. The parents must give their reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors.

- f) A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admissions Criteria. Parents will be informed of their child's position on the waiting list which will not be operated for longer than the end of the Autumn term.

Please note that a child's position on the waiting list may change if another parent asks to be placed on the list and their child has a higher priority in the published admissions criteria.

- g) All applicants will be expected to have completed the Local Authority's application form, and to have returned the form by the due date.
- h) Late applications will be considered separately by the Governors Admission Committee after all other applications have been considered.