

Nursery Admissions Policy 2026-27



SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School



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ADMISSION POLICY AND ARRANGEMENTS 2026-2027 FOR ADMISSION TO THE NURSERY CLASS

SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School Nursery was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for children of Catholic families.

The school is conducted by its academy company as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its trust deed and articles of association and always seeks to be a witness to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

As a Catholic school we aim to provide a Catholic education for all our pupils. As a Catholic school, Catholic doctrine and practice permeate every aspect of the school's activity. It is essential that the Catholic character of the school's education be fully supported by all families in the school. We therefore hope that all parents will give their full, unreserved and positive support for the aims and ethos of the school. This does not affect the right of an applicant who is not Catholic to apply for and be admitted to a place at the school in accordance with the admission arrangements.

The Academy Company, Our Lady Help of Christians is the admissions authority and has delegated full responsibility for admissions to the Local Governing Body.

Admission to the Nursery does not guarantee admission to the school. Admission to the school must be applied for separately; please see the separate School Admissions Policy.

The Academy Company determines the number of children to be admitted to the Nursery will be a maximum of **24 children**.

Applications can be made at any point within the year; a birth certificate will be needed to verify age of child.

Our nursery has three points of entry per year: September, January and April. Children will be eligible for a place from the term after their 3rd birthday.

The provision will run term time only.

We will be offering full-time places only (Monday to Friday, 8:50am to 3:30pm).

Parents will be able to use their 15 or 30 hours of free childcare entitlement at our nursery and will need to top up with any additional hours.

To apply for a place, a completed admission form is needed (see attached). If your child is a baptised Catholic, a baptismal certificate and birth certificate must be received to support your application.

Funded Places

Universal funded childcare (15 hours) applies to all 3 years olds **from the term after they turn 3**. There is no code required for these places as it is a universal offer to all children.

Some 3 years olds will be eligible to **30 hours funded childcare** if families meet the criteria.

To find out if you are eligible for funded places under the working criteria for a 3 or 4 year old visit: [Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#)

Top-Up Places

Parents who wish to 'top-up' their child's hours beyond those that they are eligible for may purchase additional sessions at a rate agreed by the governing body of £5.50 per hour.

Un-funded nursery places

For those parents who are not eligible for funded nursery places a charge of £5.50 per hour has been agreed by the governing body.

Parents who would like their child to have a school meal provided by the school kitchen, this is payable to our provider 'Let's Dine'.

SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School and Nursery

All applications will be considered with the following Criteria order. Where there are more applications for the nursery than places available names will be added to a waiting list in the over subscription criteria order, and will be considered by the Governors if places become available.

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Catholic Looked after and previously looked after children.(See note a/b)
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of SS Peter and Paul, Newport, Telford, Shropshire. (See note b)
3. Catholic children who are resident in other parishes. (See note b)
4. Non-Catholic looked after children 5.
Any other

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

- (i) The attendance of a sibling 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 d).

Notes:

- a) A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the Governing Body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

- b) For a child to be considered as a Catholic evidence of a Catholic baptism is required at time of application. 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required at time of application. 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) Home Address is considered to be the address where the child normally lives. Where care is split and a child moves between two addresses, the household in receipt of the child benefit would normally be the address used, but the admission authority body reserves the right to request other evidence as fits the individual circumstance. Applicants should not state the address of another relative or person who has daily care of the child.

- d) 'Sibling' is defined in these arrangements as full, half or step-brothers and sisters, adopted and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit. This does not include cousins or other family relationships.

- e) In addition to their right of appeal, unsuccessful children will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. This waiting list will be maintained in order of the oversubscription criteria set out above and not in the order in which applications are received or added to the list. Waiting lists for Nursery admission will operate throughout the school year and until the child reaches school age.

- f) If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Body, parents may appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Parents are allowed at least twenty school days from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful to submit that appeal. Parents must give reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors.

- g) The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a nursery class place where false evidence is received in relation to the application.
- h) For children attending the school's nursery, application to the reception class of the school must be made in the normal way, to the home Local Authority. Attendance at the school's nursery does not automatically guarantee that a place will be offered at the main school.
- j) The final decision with regard to the allocation of sessions and what sessions can be offered by the nursery class rests with the Headteacher and may be subject to change. Changes to the sessions offered by the nursery will be notified to parents in writing, with no less than a months' notice.

Tie Break

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Distances are calculated on the basis of the straight-line distance between a central point in the school building and a central point in the child's home. The distances will be measured using Telford & Wrekin Council's computerised mapping system, which is a Geographical Information System. 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.

SS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL'S NURSERY ADMISSIONS FORM 01 SEPTEMBER 2026
- 31 AUGUST 2027

First Name		Surname	
Date of Birth <i>(All applicants are required to produce a birth certificate)</i>		Gender	
Home Address		Telephone number	
Post Code		<i>The child's home address is considered to be the address where the child normally lives. Where care is split and a child moves between two addresses please see note (c) on the nursery's admission policy.</i>	
<u>Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Information:</u>			
Name:		Name:	
Relationship		Relationship	
Address if not as above		Address if not as above	
Telephone number	(home) (mobile)	Telephone number	(home) (mobile)
National Insurance Number¹	D.O.B²	National Insurance Number	D.O.B
<u>Childcare Application</u>			
Are you applying for a free universal 15-hour place? (term after your child turns 3)	Yes/No		
Are you applying for funded 30-hour place? If yes, provide eligibility code? (3 year olds, eligible working families)	Yes/No	30-hour eligibility code:	
Are you applying for additional self-funded (top up) places at £5.50 per hour? If yes, how many hours per week do you want to pay for?	Yes/No	
Are you applying for completely self-funded places at £5.50 per hour?	Yes/No		
I wish SS Peter and Paul Catholic School to be the setting which claims the nursery grant for my child. Signed.....Parent/Guardian Date..... If you are using more than one setting, please provide details here: Setting Name: Hours spent in setting: Please note you will be required to sign a termly declaration form to confirm which setting can claim the nursery grant for your child.			

¹ National Insurance Numbers will only be used to ascertain entitlement to additional funding your child might be eligible for.

² Parent/Guardian's D.O.B will only be used to ascertain entitlement to additional funding your child might be eligible for.

English as an Additional Language

Is your child an EAL learner?

Yes / No

This includes anyone who has been exposed to a language other than English during early development 'and continues to be exposed to this language in the home or in the community.

If so which languages(s) are they exposed to?

Siblings in School

Does the child already have a sibling in the school, if so who?.....

Sibling is defined in these arrangements as full, half or step brothers and sisters, adopted and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit. See note (d) of the nursery's admission policy.

Child's Religion

Religion.....

Present parish/church.....

For Catholic children only:

Is your child baptised?.....

Date of baptism.....

Church of baptism.....

In which town.....

All Catholic applicants are required to provide written evidence of baptism, such as a baptismal certificate. This evidence must be attached to this form and be submitted before the application deadline. See note (b) of the nursery's admission policy.

School use only:

SIF

Date..... Signed.....

Birth certificate checked

Date..... Signed.....

Evidence of baptism received & copied

Date..... Signed.....