

Newport Roman Catholic Primary Schools

Common Admissions Arrangements for Reception Class

September 2019

Parents' / Carers' Guide



St David's RC Primary School

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St Michael's RC Primary School

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St Mary's RC Primary School

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Website: www.stmarysnewport.co.uk



St Joseph's RC Primary School

Fairoak Avenue, Newport NP19 8FW

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Website: www.stjosephsprimarynewport.co.uk



St Patrick's RC Primary School

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Website: www.stpatricksnewport.co.uk



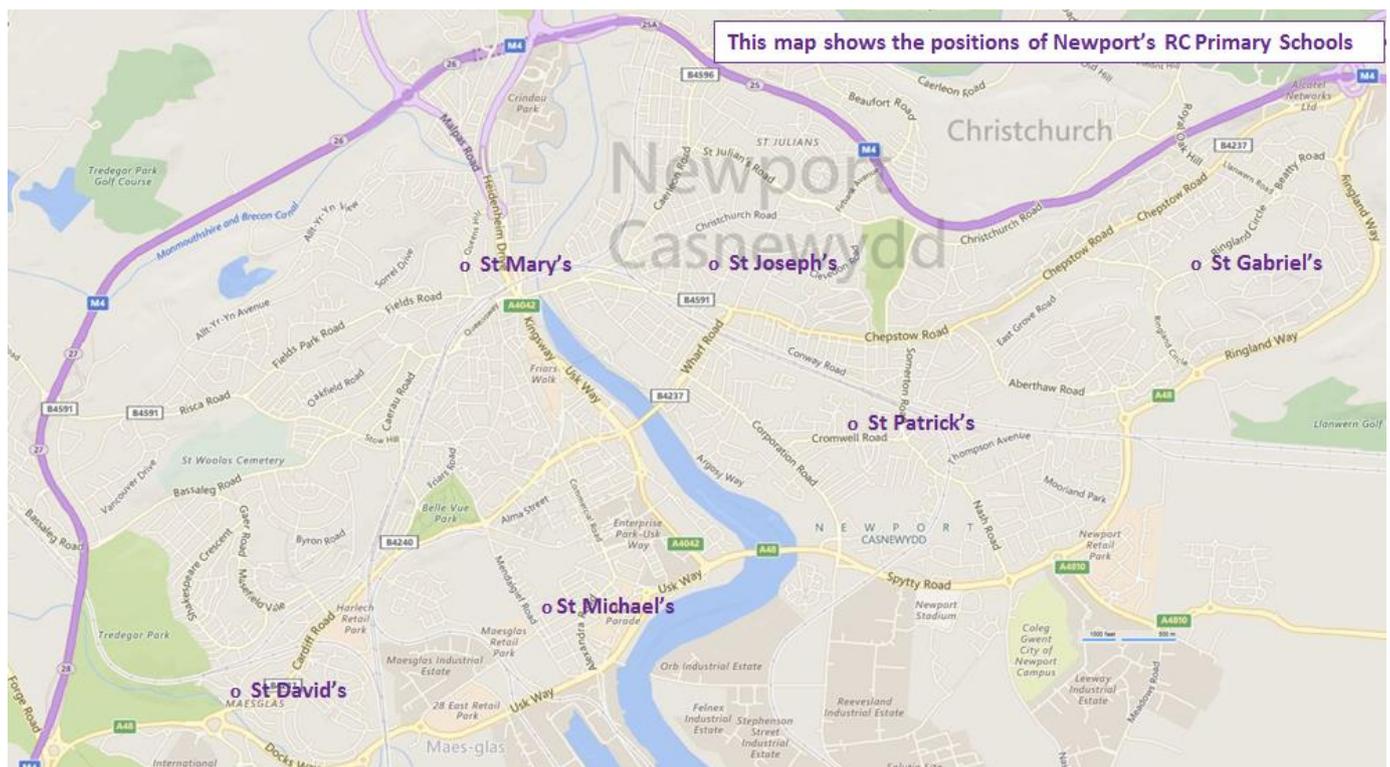
St Gabriel's RC Primary School

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Website: www.stgabrielsrcprimary.org.uk



If you have a question contact your first choice school, who will be happy to help

Welcome letter

Dear Parents,

As Roman Catholic schools we are very proud of our Catholic tradition and the Gospel Values upon which our faith is built.

The aim of Catholic Schools in Newport is to create a stimulating, secure, happy and caring environment of which you and your children will become an integral part. We very much want to develop a partnership between home, school and Parish as it is through working together in an atmosphere of mutual respect and support that we can provide what is best for our children, in order that they may be happy, enriched and fulfil their potential.

This information booklet explains the process, requirements and responsibility of parents to ensure the enclosed application form is completed, along with the correct documentation, and returned to your first preference Catholic school in Newport.

What you need to do:

- Use a single form to apply to up to three Newport RC Primary schools
- List the schools to which you are applying in order of preference
- **Submit the form to your highest preference RC school**
 - Your highest preference RC school will share details of your application with any lower preference RC schools
- Wherever possible you will be offered a place at your first choice school
 - If this school is full you will, where possible, be offered a place at another RC Primary School taking your preferences into account
- If you wish also to apply for a place at a Community or Voluntary Controlled school you **must** do this separately using the Newport City Council process see website: www.newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Timetable

Admissions forms available 5 th November 2018	Closing date for applications 14 th January 2019	Offer Date 16 th April 2019
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Checklist for applicants:

- Do you have parental responsibility for the child for whom the application is being made? If no, please ask the person with parental responsibility to complete and sign the application form. If you have parental responsibility but are not the parent, have you provided the relevant evidence as detailed under Section I of the guidance notes?
- If the child for whom the application is being made is under the care of a local authority, has the Social Worker signed the application?
- Have you provided all the documentation required e.g. proof of address, baptismal certificate etc.? **Please provide photocopies as the School cannot guarantee the safe return of original documents and is unable to provide a photocopying service.**
- Have you answered all questions fully and to the best of your knowledge, including details of siblings and any relevant medical factors?
- Have you signed the application form?
- Will your application be received by your first choice RC Primary School before the closing date?

Admission Arrangements

The Governing Body of each school is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for determining and administering the policy relating to the admission of pupils to the school. It is guided in that responsibility by the requirements of the law, by the advice of the Diocesan trustees and its duty to the school and the Catholic Community. Each Governing Body has delegated responsibility for determining admissions to its "Admissions Committee"

A copy of the policy is available from your RC primary school.

Admission Numbers September 2019

The Admission Number is the capacity of the year group (i.e. the numbers of pupils per year group) at the school and is set by Newport Local authority, using a formula set by the Welsh Government

St David's 30	St Gabriel's 27	St Joseph's 30
St Mary's 60	St Michael's 30	St Patrick's 30

Guidance notes for completing the Application Form

Section A:

School preferences: You must use a single form to apply to up to three Newport RC Primary schools. Please list the schools in order of preference. **The form must be submitted to your highest preference RC school they will share details of your application with any lower preference RC schools.** Expressing a preference will give your child priority over children whose parents have **not** expressed a preference for that school.

If you wish also to apply for a place at a Community or Voluntary Controlled primary school you **must** do so using the Newport City Council process.

Section B:

Child's full legal name: The legal name is the name stated on the birth certificate (unless you have legally changed the child's name since birth. In this case please provide a copy of the legal change of name papers). The School will refer to your child by their legal name for the purposes of this application.

Child's home address: The School may undertake residency checks and reserves the right to request independent confirmation of the child's address. Applicants may be asked to supply additional documentation to support their application. e.g. Child Benefit or Tax Credit

Baptism: If your child is Roman Catholic you must provide a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.

Section C:

Parent / Guardian details: The application **must** be made by an adult who has parental responsibility for the child. Where parental responsibility is shared, the School will ask the child's parents to determine which parent should submit the application. If parents cannot agree and neither has obtained a court order stating who should be making the application, the School will accept an application from the parent in receipt of Child Benefit for the named child.

Where the child is in the care of a local authority the Social Worker **must** sign the application form.

Section D:

Nursery: Attending a Nursery class does not guarantee a place at any primary or infant school as a separate application is required and priority is not given to those children attending any specific nursery setting.

Special Educational Needs (SEN): Children with a formal statement of SEN are afforded priority **only** if the school to which the parent is applying is named in the Local Authority's Statement.

Section E:

Medical circumstances: Where the preference is based on the child's medical grounds, the application must be supported by a medical consultant's report, obtained by the parents, specifying the medical advantage of the child attending the preferred school. Reports from family doctors are not accepted for this purpose.

Section F:

Siblings: Children who will have a brother or sister at the school to which the parent is applying on the date of admission will be given higher priority than those who do not. However, having a sibling at the school does not guarantee admission. Priority will be given to children closest in age to the sibling already attending the preferred school. Brothers and sisters, whether half, full, step, or foster will be considered where living in the same household.

Section G:

Proof of residency: A current Council tax bill is preferred. Alternatively, you may provide a current child benefit / child tax credit notification naming the child for whom the application is being made.

Proof of date of birth: A copy of the child's birth certificate is preferred. Alternatively, you may provide a copy of an NHS medical card or valid passport.

Proof of Baptism: If your child is Roman Catholic you **must** provide a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.

Fraudulent claims will be investigated and places will be withdrawn if applicants have provided false information.

Section H:

Declaration: Please make sure that you have signed the declaration. Where parental responsibility is held by someone other than the child's mother or father you must submit evidence of this with the application. Acceptable evidence would be a copy of a legal document awarding parental responsibility.

Oversubscription criteria for admission to a Newport Roman Catholic Primary School 2019-2020

The Governing Body of each R.C Primary School is the Admissions authority.

Where the number of applications is equal to or less than the number of places available, all applications will be successful. However, where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the Governing Body will apply the following oversubscription criteria and allocate places accordingly.

Where a Newport RC Primary School is named in a statement of Special Educational Needs, the Admissions Authority has a duty to admit the child to the school before the over-subscription criteria is applied against applications received.

In each category below:

- Priority will be given firstly to applications made on medical needs (see Note ii).
- Priority will next be given to the siblings of those pupils who will be registered at the school at the time the child is to be admitted.
- Priority will be then given to multiple births.
- Priority will then be given to those who can demonstrate regular attendance at their place of worship. A letter confirming this will be required from the priest, minister or faith leader.

The criteria will be applied in rank order.

(1) Looked after Children (LAC -children in the public care) or previously Looked After children who are baptised as Roman Catholics or have been formally accepted into the Roman Catholic Church.

(2) Children who are baptised as Roman Catholics or have been formally accepted into the Roman Catholic Church.

(3) Looked after children (LAC -children in the public care) or previously Looked After children who are not of the Roman Catholic Faith.

(4) Children of other Christian denominations whose parents have demonstrated a wish for a Catholic education.

(5) Children of other Faith traditions whose parents have demonstrated a wish for a Catholic education.

(6) Other children whose parents demonstrate a wish for Catholic education.

After considering the above categories, or if the number of applications in any one category exceeds the published admission number, priority will be based on those residing closest to the preferred school with *the exception of St David's where the priority will be based on those who live furthest from an alternative school (i.e. a Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided School with a place available when the child is to be admitted)*. For further information on how distances are measured, please refer to the paragraph entitled 'Distances between Home and School' within the 'Other Relevant Information' section

Notes:

(i) The Governing Body will consider the child's home address to be the place where the child permanently resides for the majority of the school week, as at the stipulated closing date for applications. This would normally be at the same address as the person who has parental responsibility for the child and is the main carer. Where the child spends equal time with both parents/carers, the place of residence of the person who receives the child benefit will be considered the child's home. Evidence may be required to support this.

(ii) Admissions authorities may give higher priority to children or families where there is a medical need (for example where one or both parents or the child has a disability that may make travel to a school further away more difficult)

Applications on medical need must be supported by a medical consultant's report, obtained by parents, specifying the **medical advantage** of the child attending the school. Please note that reports from family doctors are not accepted for this purpose.

The supporting evidence from the consultant should set out the particular reasons why the school is the most suitable and the difficulties that would be caused if the child had to attend another school.

Please note that the **medical need** priority will not be applied if the required documents are not received.

(iii) Siblings are: brothers and sisters, whether half, full, step, adopted or fostered will be considered relevant where living in the same household and where an older child will still be registered at the school when the younger child will be eligible to attend. Where there is more than one such case, priority will be given to those children closest in age to the siblings already attending the school, as at the admission date.

(iv) Applications from children who are to be considered under criteria 1-2 above are asked to provide evidence of baptism or reception into the Roman Catholic Church.

(v) Applications from children to be considered under criteria 4-5 are asked to provide a letter of support from their Minister or Faith Leader. For Christian applicants a Baptismal Certificate should be provided.

Late applications

Any applications received after the closing date will be considered together on a monthly basis.