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**Proposed Admissions Policy 2017**

**For Consultation November 2016**

### **Consultation**

**The Governing Body of St-Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School is consulting on their proposed admission arrangements for admission into the school in September 2017. The proposed arrangements are set out below.**

**If you have any comments to make then these should be made to**

**Chair of Governors**

**St-Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School**

**Shepherd Cross Street**

**Halliwell**

**BOLTON BL1 3EJ**

**All comments must be with the school by 31st January 2017.**

# ST. JOSEPH'S R.C PRIMARY SCHOOL

## ADMISSION POLICY 2017/2018

In partnership together families, school and parish we are working to meet our mission which is to:

Love Protect Educate Nurture

St Joseph's is a loving school where all children are known, valued and cared for. Our family includes staff who are dedicated and experienced, parents who are loving and encouraging, Governors who support wholeheartedly and are a guiding presence.

*Everyone wishes to do their best for the children in everything we say and do, to set an example through good citizenship based on Gospel values so that our children too will aspire to be like our patron St Joseph.*

## ST-JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### ADMISSION POLICY AND ARRANGEMENTS 2017/2018

St-Joseph's RCP is a Catholic School in the trusteeship of the Diocese of Salford. It is maintained by Bolton local authority and is a voluntary aided School. The Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking all decisions on applications for admissions. The co-ordination of admissions arrangements is undertaken by the Local Authority.

For the school's year commencing September 2017, the Governing Body has determined that the number of children to be admitted to each year will be 30.

The school's role is to participate in the mission of the Catholic Church by providing a curriculum, including Catholic religious education and worship, which will help children to grow in their understanding of the Good News and in the practice of their faith. The school will help the children develop fully as human beings and prepare them to undertake their responsibilities as Catholics in society. The school requires all parents applying for a place here to understand and respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the rights of parents who are not of the Catholic faith to apply for a place here.

Admissions to the school will be determined by the Governing Body. Parents must complete a Local Authority Preference Form or apply online via the website <http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/pages/Primaryschoolplaces.aspx>

If there are more applications than the number of places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked After Children.

2. Children with an exceptional social, medical, educational or religious need which can be best met, or only met at this school;\*
3. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
4. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parishes of **St-Joseph's**
5. Other baptised Catholic children.
6. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
7. All remaining applicants.

\*Exceptional needs of this kind will occur very rarely. It is strongly recommended that a written application is submitted in advance of the normal admissions timetable.

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criterion above, priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by walking distance.