

APPLICATIONS FOR PLACES IN YEAR 7 FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q:	Can anyone apply to St. Paul's?
A:	Yes, we encourage anyone to apply but we follow a strict admissions criteria which is detailed overleaf. If you would like your child to attend St. Paul's, please apply and put us as your first choice.
Q:	My Child is Catholic and attends church will they automatically be allocated a place at St Paul's?
A:	No, you will need to provide a Certificate of Catholic practice alongside your application. Speak to your Priest who will be able to help you. This will identify the applicant as Category B/C.
Q:	If I am Catholic will my child automatically be allocated a place at St Paul's?
A:	No, it is the child who must be Catholic and if they attend Mass regularly we require you to complete the supplementary form and provide a Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by your Parish Priest. This will identify the child as Category B/C.
Q:	My child is Catholic but does not attend Mass regularly what should we do?
A:	We require a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate together with the completed supplementary form. This will identify them as Category D/E and they will be more likely to be offered a place at St. Paul's.
Q:	I already have a child attending St. Paul's. Will my child automatically be allocated a place?
A:	No. You must return the supplementary form and let us know that there is a sibling already on roll and provide their name so we can rank the application accordingly. By doing this you will be ranked at the top of the category you fall into.
Q:	My child is taking the 11 Plus and hoping to go to Grammar school. What happens if they do not secure a place?
A:	You should select St Paul's on your application form in second place in case a place is not secured, otherwise the LA will allocate a place at any school with vacancies.
Q:	We are practising Christians can we apply to St Paul's.
A:	Yes, please do. Many practising Christians apply and attend St Paul's each year. A letter from your minister will support your application. Without a letter you will be identified as an applicant in Category J. With a letter you increase your chances of being offered a place.
Q:	If I practise another religion what evidence is required?
A:	There are children who attend St. Paul's from other faiths. We require a letter from your Religious leader to confirm that you worship regularly.
Q:	If we are not a religious family can we still apply?
A:	Yes, and we urge you to do so. We offer places to children from all denominations but being a faith school we prioritise Catholic children first and then Christian children. Please see above admission categories to indicate your rank order. This should not stop you applying.
Q:	What happens if we do not return the supplementary form?
A:	Without a supplementary form or evidence the application will be treated as Category J (Any Other Child). This significantly reduces the chance of your child attending St. Paul's.

TIMELINE

TASK	DEADLINE
Complete application on council portal	Deadline 31 st October 2021
St Paul's will send supplementary form to everybody who has chosen us as a preference	November 2021
Complete supplementary form and return together with evidence required	December 10 th 2021
St Paul's will use supplementary forms and evidence provided to rank all applications	To be submitted to LA by January 21 st 2022
LA will advise parents of their school allocation	1 st March 2022

ADMISSION CRITERIA

CATEGORY	EVIDENCE REQUIRED
A – Catholic looked after and previously looked after children including outside England	Copy of baptismal certificate and details of Care Authority
B – Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice who attend a Catholic primary feeder school.	Certificate of Catholic Practice and attend one of the following schools: Bishop Parker, St Bernadette's, St Mary Magdalene, St Monica's, St Thomas Aquinas
C – Other Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice	Certificate of Catholic Practice
D – Catholic children who attend a feeder Catholic primary school.	Baptismal Certificate and attend one of the following schools: Bishop Parker, St Bernadette's, St Mary Magdelene, St Monica's, St Thomas Aquinas
E – Other Catholic children	Copy of baptismal certificate
F – Other looked after and previously looked after children, including children previously looked after outside of England	Details of Care Authority
G – Children of members of staff	Contract for at least 2 years when the application is made or has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
H – Catechumens and members of Eastern Christian church	Letter of support from your minister of religion
I – Children of other Christian denominations and other faiths	Letter of recommendation from a minister of religion or other religious leader
J – Any other children	No evidence required