



St. Nicholas

Catholic Primary School



Admissions Information for September 2021





Aims

- To give parents information about the school.
- To give parents information about the admissions process and how it affects parents applying for a place here at St. Nicholas.





Introductions

Neil Porter - Executive Principal

Claire Noble-Barton - Head of School

Kirsty Ramsden - Vice Principal

Fr. Allen Morris - Parish Priest



Abbey



St. Nicholas



St. Edmund Campion

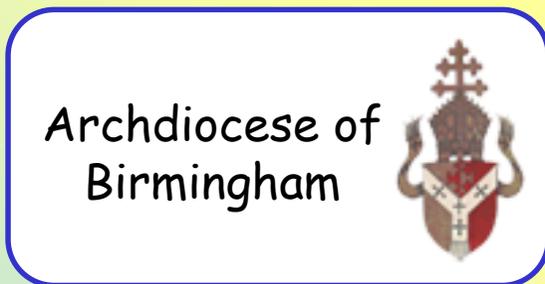


Holy Cross

St. John Paul II Multi Academy Company



Bishop Walsh



Archdiocese of
Birmingham



St. Joseph



SS Mary & John



Sacred Heart



SS Peter & Paul



Why choose St. Nicholas School for your child?

- Academic achievement
- Quality of education - breadth and balance in curriculum
- Active PFA
- Close family atmosphere
- Catholic ethos of our school develops a range of skills and attitudes

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Our Mission Statement

A child's drawing on a light blue background. A large yellow figure with arms and legs is the central focus. The figure's torso is a large yellow oval, and its arms and legs are also yellow. The figure is holding a dark blue rectangular sign with white text. The sign reads: "At St. Nicholas School we are called together to **LOVE, LIVE, LEARN** with Jesus Christ. **Love** God, ourselves and each other. **Live** life in response to God's call. **Learn** to achieve our best in everything we do." The drawing includes several other elements: a yellow sun with rays in the top left, a blue tree with green grass in the top right, a purple bee in the top right, a purple flower in the bottom right, a red heart with a black cross in the bottom center, and a yellow book with "maths 123 abc" written on it in the bottom right.

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Key Achievements and Successes



Achievement and attainment

Achievement and attainment at St. Nicholas has continued to remain above the National and Local Authority averages in all areas of English, Maths, Phonics and Early Years development at all key points in the school.



RE and Catholic Life



- Child led worship.
- Charitable work. The pupils of the school continue to put their faith into action through charitable outreach. CAFOD, St. Giles Hospice, Macmillan, Harvest collection for Sifa Fireside.
- Jesuit Virtues and Values initiative.
- Section 48 Inspection outcome March 2019.



School Sports



- Inter-school sports:
- Cross country, football, indoor and outdoor athletics, multi-skills, tennis, cricket, swimming, golf, hurling, gymnastics and netball.
- Over half of our pupils represented the school in inter-school competitions last year.
- Gold Award for PE and School Sports.

Extra-curricular activities



- The following activities have been offered as either after school or as lunchtime clubs:
- Hurling, Guitar, Netball, Tennis, Multi-skills, Golf, Change for life, Gymnastics, Cello, French, Art, Library Club, Mindfulness, Spanish, Irish dancing, Zumba, French horn, Gardening, Rugby, Centre Stage, Choir.

Curriculum Enrichment



School trips and visitors in to school

Residential visits in Year 5 and 6

Learning a musical instrument

Developing speech and drama - 'Centrestage'

Music Mark: Participation in Birmingham

Youth Proms



What happens when my child starts school?



Induction programme:

- Induction meeting
- Parent and child lunches
- Story sessions
- Taster sessions/ move up day
- Home visits in September
- Phased start in first week.





Admission Policy

- On our school website

www.stnicholassutton.org.uk

- In LA published book for Admissions 2021

Application process



1. Apply using Birmingham City Council's online application form:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

2. Complete the 'Supplementary Information Form' and return it to the school office.

Both by 15th January 2021

Key Dates



- 15th January Applications to be submitted.

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

- 16th April Email notification of offers to parents and letters in post.
- 30th April Closing date for acceptance of school place.

Infant Class Size Limits



- 30 per year group.
- We have no discretion to increase this number in Reception (or Years 1 and 2) because of Infant Class Size legislation.

Key considerations



Oversubscription criteria:

As a Catholic school, priority is given to baptised Catholic children living within the parish, with a signed Certificate of Catholic Practice from the Parish Priest.



- The School is usually oversubscribed.
- The number of siblings makes a difference
- Sadly, we cannot guarantee a place for every application.
- Although we do not yet have details of the number, or category, of applicants, for September 2021, we are aware that there are likely to be at least 14 siblings. Although not all of these will necessarily be in parish.

How do we decide if there are more applications than places?



- We apply the oversubscription criteria in the policy.
- We understand that this is a big decision, which school to choose, but everything we do with regards to admissions is set out clearly in our Admissions Policy so please read it carefully.

Certificate of Catholic Practice




BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES
CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Details of child (for identification only)
Full name of child: _____
Address of child: _____
Postcode: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I am [the child's parish priest] [the priest in charge of the Church where the family practises] [delete as applicable]
I hereby certify that this child and his/her family are known to me and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the child is from a practising Catholic family.

Priest's name _____ Position _____
Parish (or ethnic chaplaincy) _____
Address _____
Telephone _____

Priest's signature _____ Parish stamp or seal _____
Date _____

Our Admissions Criteria requires all parents wishing to apply for a place at St. Nicholas to complete the 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' form which must be signed by your Parish Priest where you attend Mass with your child. This must be done at the point of application.



Further information on the school website

www.stnicholassutton.org.uk

- Maps of the parish and catchment area
- Supplementary information form
- Letter from Birmingham City Council
- Certificate of Catholic Practice
- Additional copies of forms

Any questions?



If you have any further questions please contact the school on 0121 355 2649 or at enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk

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