

St Bernadette Catholic Primary School

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Allocation Statement for St Bernadette Catholic Primary School – September 2022

The Governing Body met on 13 February 2022 at 09:30.

As St Bernadette Catholic Primary School was oversubscribed, the published admissions criteria in the 2022/23 admissions policy have been applied to allocate the places that are available at the school.

The list received from LA showed 83 applications. The governors considered 83 and allocated 30 places since St Bernadette Primary School has an admission number of 30.

How the initial allocation of places was made:

1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children = **Zero Children**
2. Catholic children who are resident in the schools designated parishes St Bernadette, Whitchurch, St Gerald Majella, Knowle and Sacred Heart Chew Magna = **12 children**
3. Other Catholic children = **Zero Children**
4. Other looked after and previously looked after children = **1 Child**
5. Children who are a Catechumen = **Zero Children**
6. Any other Children = **7 Siblings and 10 by Random Allocation**

The drawing of lots was used to allocate the remaining 10 places for this criterion, overseen by an independent observer, as stated in our Admissions Policy 2022/23

2nd Round Allocation

As at 23rd May 2022 no places became available at the school for reallocation. There were 2 applicants wanting to be considered.

Infant Class Size Appeals

Statutory limits on class sizes mean that infant classes with a single qualified teacher cannot contain more than 30 pupils without taking 'qualifying measures' to comply with the

statutory duty to limit infant classes with a single teacher to a maximum of 30. Qualifying measures include those such as

- employing an additional teacher
- building an extra classroom
- reorganisation of classes

The infant classes at St Bernadette Catholic Primary School are organised with a maximum of 30 in each year group, so appeals for the infant classes will be heard on the basis of 'class size prejudice'.

The Independent Appeals Panel is restricted to three circumstances in which they can uphold your case. These are if the panel is satisfied:

- a. that your child would have been offered a place if the admission arrangements had been properly implemented.
- b. the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had not been contrary to mandatory provisions in the School Admissions Code and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998
- c. that the decision was not one which a *reasonable admission authority would make in the circumstances of the case.

'Reasonable' is defined as

"In order for a panel to determine that an admission authority's decision to refuse admission was unreasonable, it will need to be satisfied that the decision to refuse to admit that particular child was 'perverse in the light of the admission arrangements', i.e. it was 'beyond the range of responses open to a reasonable decision maker' or 'a decision which is so outrageous in its defiance of logic or of accepted moral standards that no sensible person who had applied his mind to the question could have arrived at it'.