



St Margaret Clitherow Nursery Admissions Policy July 2025

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Admissions Policy

- The Nursery is open to children, aged from the term before they turn 3 years old to 4 years old, until a child reaches statutory school age.
- Children will be welcomed from all social, cultural and religious backgrounds.
- The Admissions Policy is implemented each term, one term in advance of the anticipated start date.

Admission to St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Academy

Children who are enrolled in the **Nursery will not transfer automatically to St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School**, and parents must make a separate application for admission to the school through Bracknell School Admissions.

The School will consider all applications solely in the light of its Admissions Policy. Enrolment in St Margaret Clitherow Nursery confers no advantage or preference.

Oversubscription Criteria

The Nursery Management Committee will consider all applications equally, irrespective of ability or need and without reference to the positioning in the ranked list on the application form. In the event of more applications than spaces, places will be allocated strictly in the following order of priority (applicants may be ranked within sections according to the Catholic practising* criteria below):

1. Catholic* 'Looked After Children' or 'Previously Looked After Children'***
2. Baptised Catholic* children with a baptised Catholic* sibling in attendance at St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Academy at the time of application and expected to still be there at the time of entry to the nursery. (Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.)
3. Baptised Catholic* children
4. Non-Catholic 'Looked After Children' or 'Previously Looked After Children'***
5. Unbaptised children of baptised Catholic* parents
6. Other pupils with a sibling in attendance at the school (sibling defined as in 2 above).
7. Children of parents who are practising members of other Christian denominations who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledging God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above. All members of Churches Together in England and of CYTUN are deemed to be included in this definition**
8. Children of parents who are members of other faiths**

9. Other children

For the purposes of these admissions arrangements, a baptised Catholic means a person baptised in a church which is in communion with the See of Rome or a person received into the Catholic Church. Proof of baptism is required.

If application is being made for a place at the nursery as a member of another Christian denomination or another faith, a letter confirming membership of that Christian denomination or faith and signed by the appropriate minister of religion or faith leader will be required. The letter should be provided at the same time as the SIF is returned to the school.

***A 'Looked After Child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions at the time of making an application to a school. 'Previously Looked After Children' are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted. This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders) or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.*

Tie Breaker

Should there be more applicants than places in any of the above categories, priority will be given to children living closest. Distances will be measured radially, as a straight line between the Land Property Gazetteer address points for the respective home address and school.

Toilet Training

We are able to accept children who are still in nappies; however, we strongly encourage parents to send their child to Nursery without nappies.

Please note that we are unable to accept children into our Breakfast and Afterschool Club until they are fully potty trained, as we do not have the staffing or facilities to accommodate this.