



Mission Statement:

The Sacred Heart is a Community committed to the education of its pupils in a Catholic Christian ethos, where each person is invited to serve God and others in faith, hope and love.

Aims:

To foster spiritual growth in Christian faith and values
To value, appreciate and enjoy learning
To work for excellence
To further curiosity and creativity
To aspire to high ideals
To stimulate generous service of others

Admissions Policy

Aims:

This policy is intended to ensure that the school's charitable purpose as a Catholic foundation for education is secured.

To identify pupils of all faiths, who will benefit from the ethos, education and standards of the school and be able to contribute to the school.

Entry

The school is non-selective and accepts boys and girls from 3 - 16

The family must be in sympathy with the Catholic / Christian ethos of the school

Catholic families do not automatically receive a discount / bursary

Fees are charged termly in advance

Pupils may join the school at any age but the most usual entry points are 3 or 4 years and 11 years of age

The Process:

Open mornings are currently held 3 times a year

Parents may see the school on a normal day, every day is open day, if possible with prior notice

Parents may register their child before or after a visit

Parents are invited to bring their child to spend a day or two in school (Taster Days)

Application for admission must be made on the school's registration form together with a non refundable registration fee of £50.

Lower School

Reception Department (Nursery) Children are admitted to the Reception Class, at the age of three providing they are toilet trained. Education is provided on a flexible, part or full time basis

Parents are invited to meet the Class Teacher and Head of Lower School to discuss their child's needs

Years 1 – 3 Pupils are invited in for a day to meet the Class Teacher and other pupils

Years 4 - 6 Pupils usually have a two day assessment in the class

Entrance at 11

Pupils joining the school at this point are expected to stay until the end of Year 11

Pupils take an assessment in English, Mathematics and Reasoning in January to inform the school about the pupils and determine the top candidate for the scholarship award

The results of the assessment do not affect entry to the school

External pupils are interviewed by the Headteacher following the assessment

Present school reports and satisfactory attitudes and conduct on the part of the pupil and parents are important

Year 10

Pupils can only be accepted with a good school report, a determination to work hard in a new environment and subject to appropriate GCSE options being available

Scholarships and Bursaries are also awarded

Bursaries may be available by application through the Bursar to the Trustees, and reviewed by the Governing Bodies Finance Committee.

- Entrance in Year 11 is not normally appropriate or possible
- Staff – children of Staff may receive a bursary
- There is a small discount for siblings

The decision of the Headteacher is final

Monitoring & Review

This policy will be reviewed by the SMT and Governing Body

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