

**ST AUSTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**ADMISSION POLICY AND ARRANGEMENTS**  
**NURSERY CLASS - 2024/2025**

St Austin's is a Catholic School under the trusteeship of the Archdiocese of Liverpool. It is maintained by Liverpool City Council. As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. For the school's year commencing September 2023, the Governing Body has set its admissions number at 26 full time equivalent places.

Our principal role as a Catholic school is to participate in the mission of the Catholic Church by providing a framework which will help children to grow in their understanding of the Good News and in the practice of their faith. The school will help the children develop fully as human beings and prepare them to undertake their responsibilities as Catholic in society. The school asks all parents applying for a place here to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the rights of parents who are not of the faith of this school to apply for and be considered for a place here.

ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL NURSERY will be determined by the Governing Body. Parents must complete application forms which are available from the school office or on the school website. 15 hour morning sessions Monday to Friday, 15 hour afternoon sessions Monday to Friday and 30 hour sessions (full time) will be available. All preferences listed will be considered on an equal basis and, where there are more applications than the number of places available, the following set of oversubscription criteria will be applied:

1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children
2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of St Wilfrid (the parts of the parish formerly referred to as St Austin's and St Bernadette's).
4. Other baptised Catholic children.
5. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
6. Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
7. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
8. Other children.

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criteria above then places will be allocated to the children who live nearest to the school. The distance will be measured by straight line distance between the child's permanent home address and the school using Google maps.