

## **Admissions Policy of St Mary's R C School**

This school exists to educate children in the Catholic faith, and to this end an agreement has been reached with Redcar and Cleveland Authority in accordance with the Education Acts.

The governing body has sole responsibility for admissions to this school and intends to admit no more than 30 pupils to the Reception class in the school year which begins September 2010.

### **Over subscription criteria:**

Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

1. Looked after children from Catholic families
2. Baptised Catholic children within St Andrew's Parish
3. Baptised Catholic children whose elder brothers and sisters are attending the school.
4. Baptised Catholic children moving into the area.
5. Baptised children of Catholic families who express a preference.
6. Other Looked After Children.
7. Children of baptised Catholics within the area.
8. Children of baptised Catholics whose elder brothers or sisters are attending the school.
9. Children of baptised Catholics moving into the area.
10. Children of baptised Catholics who express a preference.
11. Baptised children of other Christian faiths who recognise and accept the ethos of a Catholic school.
12. Children of non-Christian faiths who recognise and accept the ethos of a Catholic school.

### **Tie Break:**

Where the offer of places to all the applicants of the sub-categories listed above would lead to an over subscribed, the places up to the admission number will be offered to those living nearest to the school.

In addition to their right of appeal, unsuccessful candidates will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained in order of the over-subscription criteria set out above and NOT in the order in which applications are received or added to the list. Names are normally removed from the list after six months.

### **Children with Statements of Special Need**

Children with statements of special need that name the school are required to be admitted to the school that is named.