# St Mary's

# Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher: Mrs Amanda Burt



#### APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PLACES

If you are interested in your child joining us, either in our main intake into Reception at any other time, please do come along and visit us. If you would like to make an appointment to visit, please contact Mrs Newcombe, Administrative Officer here at the school.

If we can make a place available to you then we will. If not, you would have the right to appeal to a panel that is independent of the school and we would place your child's name on a waiting list for vacancies.

We have our own admissions policy because we are part of a Multi Academy Trust and have responsibility for admissions decisions. Our policy is reviewed each year - we take part in the Council's annual consultation in December and January and welcome the views of our local community.

If we have a vacancy then all children are welcome to join us. If we are oversubscribed, we still welcome all children but give priority to particular groups: children who are looked after by the local authority, children who live in our catchment, children with siblings already here, children of members of staff, children who can demonstrate a faith and children who live closer to us.

We only use these oversubscription criteria when we are oversubscribed. For full details of our admission arrangements, please look at our admissions policies.

We take part in the co-ordinated admissions schemes of Devon County Council which help parents to make applications for admission to school. Parents can apply through Devon for in-year admissions and through the local authority where the child lives for the normal round of admissions. We may also ask you to complete a **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** or provide a letter from a priest or minister to demonstrate that your child should have higher priority on faith or staff ground. The SIF is included in the policy document.

### **Our Admissions Policy 2017-2018**

For in-year admissions in any academic year, appeals must be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.

## **Our Admissions Policy 2017-2018**

For appeals at the normal round of admissions to Reception, appeals will be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals.

Please note that wording was added to our policies in June 2014 to make provision for the phasing out of Statements of Special Educational Needs, to be replaced by Education, Health and Care Plans under the Children and Families Act 2014 and to remove a limitation to eligibility as children formerly in Care to only those adopted after 31 December 2005. Wording was amended in February 2015 to reflect the change from residency orders to child arrangements orders.

If you would like further information, please contact us in school on 01297 32785 or Devon's Admissions Service on 0345 155 1019 or The Diocese of Plymouth, CAST on 01364 645 3902 or go to:

Admissions information	www.devon.gov.uk/admissions
Devon's admissions policies	www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements
Online applications in Devon	www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
More on the appeals timetable	www.devon.gov.uk/admissionappeals