



St Peter's Catholic Primary School

Arrangements for 2 Year Old's Admission to Pre-School 2026-2027



Process of application

Applications for 2-year-old Pre-School places at St Peter's Catholic Primary School are not part of the Wirral Children's Services co-ordinated admissions arrangements and should be made direct to School on our application form. Applicants should reach the age of 2 during the year 1st September 2026 to 31 August 2027. The application form should be completed and returned to School by 1st July 2027.

Consideration of applications for entry into Pre-School

The agreed admissions number is 20 full time equivalent (FTE) places. Children can access five part-time sessions per week (15 hours). The sessions last 3 hours and will be either all morning or all afternoon sessions. Where 2 year old places are allocated according to age and the youngest admissions will typically begin with afternoon sessions with a view to changing to morning sessions by (at least) the term before they turn 3. This is in preparation for entry into F1.

Oversubscription procedure

The Governing Body will allocate places to pupils in the term after their 2nd birthday using the following criteria which are listed in priority order:

1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children (as defined by the Children Act).
2. Baptised Catholic children in the term after their 2nd birthday during the academic year 2026- 2027
3. Children in the term after their 2nd birthday who, on the date of admission, have a sibling including step, half, adopted or fostered enrolled in the school and will continue to be so enrolled in September 2027.
4. Non Catholic Children in the term after their 2nd birthday during the academic year 2026 – 2027 whose parents wish them to attend and have sympathy with the ethos of the school.

If the priorities have to be decided within any category, the Governing body will always give priority to the children who live nearest measured by the shortest available walking distance.

Important.

If your child has a Pre-School place at St Peter's Catholic Primary School, this does not automatically mean that they will get a place in Foundation 2. Pre-School and Foundation 1 classes take children from a wider zone than the school zone and Parish area.

Notes

- a) All applicants will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions
- b) All applicants will be required to produce a Birth Certificate
- c) All Catholic applicants will be required to produce baptismal certificates
- d) Siblings are defined as pupils who have brothers or sisters (including half-brothers or half-sisters or step brothers or step sisters living in the same household) at the school in September.
- e) A Looked After Child is a child who is (a) in the care of the Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of its Social Services functions (under section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). A previously Looked After Child is one who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order
- f) A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admission Criteria. Parents will be informed of their child's position on the waiting list each term.