

# Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College

## ADMISSIONS POLICY - SEPTEMBER 2010

11-16 All ability school; co-educational; one admission age group.

Pupils will be admitted at age 11 without reference to aptitude or ability.

The College is conducted by its Governing body as part of the Catholic church, in accordance with its trust deed and instrument of government, and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ.

As the Admissions Authority the Governors control admissions to the College. They have delegated this task to an Admissions Committee who ensures the Admissions Policy is implemented. Any parent who wishes to appeal against an admissions decision has the right to have their case heard by an independent appeals committee.

The published admission number for September 2010 is 160. In administering the Admissions Policy the Governors will have due regard for the Catholic ethos of the College. Proof of baptism is essential for Catholic applicants. All parents are invited to apply within the spirit and understanding of the schools character and belief.

Pupils will be admitted according to the following priority order:-

1. Baptised Catholic children designated as 'looked after'
2. Baptised Catholic children attending the following Catholic primary schools:-

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| St. Vincent's Altrincham                      | English Martyrs, Urmston          |
| St. Hugh's Catholic Primary School, Timperley | St. Ann's, Stretford              |
| St. Joseph's Sale                             | St. John's, Chorlton              |
| Our Lady of Lourdes, Partington               | St. Hugh of Lincoln, Stretford    |
| Holy Family, Sale Moor                        | Our Lady of the Rosary, Davyhulme |
| All Saints, Ashton on Mersey                  | St. Margaret Ward, Sale           |
| St. Monica's, Flixton                         |                                   |
3. Baptised Catholic children with a brother or sister at the College at the time of proposed admission (September 2010)
4. Baptised Catholic children attending another Catholic primary school within Trafford Local Education Authority
5. Baptised Catholic children attending a non-Catholic faith primary school
6. Baptised Catholic children attending a non-denominational primary school
7. Non Catholic 'looked after' children
8. Non Catholic children attending one of the Catholic primary schools in section 2 above
9. Other children

### Important Notes: -

- a) These criteria will be applied in the same way to all pupils in the event of over subscription.
- b) All applications will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions.
- c) If there are more applicants than can be accommodated at the School in criteria 1 to 9 places will be offered to those children in each criteria whose place of residence is nearest to the School. Distance will be measured in a direct straight line from the front door of the child's permanent place of residence to the main entrance of the school, using property co-ordinates provided through a combination of the Trafford Local Land and Property Gazetteer (BS7666) and Royal Mail Postal Address Information. In the case of a child living in a block of flats the distance will be measured from the communal entrance of the building.
- d) In the case of parents who are separated and where child-care arrangements are shared between two addresses in the catchment area, the average of the distances of the two addresses from the school will be used for the purposes of determining priority for admission. You may be required to provide proof of residency. Failure to do so may result in the offer of a place being withdrawn.