ST OSWALD’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, SOUTH SHIELDS
ADMISSION POLICY 2024-25

St Oswald’s Catholic Primary School was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for children of
Catholic families. Whenever there are more applications than places available, priority will be given to
Catholic children in accordance with the oversubscription criteria listed below. The school is conducted by the
Catholic Education Trust as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its trust deed and articles of
association

school year but not beyond the point at which they reach compulsory school age, or beyond the beginning of
the final term of the school year for which an offer was made. A child may take up a part-time place until later
in the school year, but not beyond the point at which the child reaches compulsory school age. Upon receipt
of the offer of a place a parent should notify the school in writing, as soon as possible, that they wish to either
defer their child’s entry to the school or take up a part-time place.

Admission of Children outside their Normal Age Group
A request may be made for a child to be admitted outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child
is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health.

Any such request should be made in writing to the headteacher of the school. The admissions authority will
make its decision about the request based on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the
child. In addition to taking into account the views of the headteacher who has statutory responsibility for the
internal organisation, management and control of the school, the admissions authority will take into account
the views of the parents and of appropriate medical and education professionals.

Infant classes may not, by law, contain more than 30 pupils with a single qualified teacher (subject to the
provisions in the School Admissions Code for ‘excepted children’). Parents do have a right of appeal in
accordance with the infant class size regulations if the school is oversubscribed and their child is refused a
place.
The admissions authority

exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making
application to the school.

A previously looked after child is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was
adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this
definition are those children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside
of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

3. Catholic means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern
Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a
certificate of reception into the full communion of the C

Case law has identified certain characteristics which describe the meaning of religion for the purposes of
charity law, which are characterised by a belief in a supreme being and an expression of belief in that
supreme being through worship.
Applicants must provide a letter of support to confirm their faith membership from their minister or faith
leader.
8. A child’s home address refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer, and will
be the address provided in the Common Application Form (“CAF”). Where parents have shared