



CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Specialist Science College

Admissions Information and Criteria for Admission in 2019

Basic information

1. Cardinal Newman School is a member of the St Alban Catholic Academies Trust and is promoted by the Diocese of Northampton through the Duns Scotus Trust.
2. The St Alban Catholic Academies Trust (SACAT) is responsible for determining and administering the policy relating to the admission of pupils to the school. It is guided in that responsibility by the requirements of the law, the advice of the Diocesan Trustee, and its duty to the school and the Catholic community.
3. In accord with the provisions of Regulation 49 of the Education (School Government) Regulations 1999, the Trust has delegated responsibility for determining admissions to its Admissions Committee with regard to the school.
4. The ethos of Cardinal Newman Catholic School is based on Christian Gospel values and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. We ask parents applying for a place here to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the rights of parents who are not of the Roman Catholic faith to apply for and be considered for a place here.
5. The Academy Trust primarily serves all the parishes of Luton, Houghton Regis and Dunstable.
6. Having consulted the other local admission authorities in accordance with legal requirements, the Trust has set as its planned admissions number 270 for the school year commencing September 2019.
7. Parents wishing to apply for a place in the school for their child beginning September 2019 must complete the Local Authority (LA) application form and the supplementary admission form (Appendix 2) for Catholic Schools in Luton and return same to the LA by no later than 31st October 2018. It must be carefully noted that all applications must be submitted on that form or made on-line and all applications will be considered at the same time. Allocation letters will be issued on or just after 1st March 2019.
8. The Admissions Committee of the Academy Trust will consider all applications made in accordance with the criteria set out below without reference to the ability or aptitude of the child. All applications will be considered on an equal preference basis.

Admission Criteria

In case of oversubscription the Academy Trust will give priority to children in the following order:

1. Looked after children or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements or special guardianship order.
2. Baptised Catholic children with siblings* at Cardinal Newman School at the time of proposed admission. The original Baptismal Certificate must be provided and supplementary admission form (Appendix 2).
3. Practising Baptised Catholic children whose application is supported by their parish priest or the priest where they practice. The original Baptismal Certificate must be provided and supplementary admission form (Appendix 2).
4. Baptised Catholic children attending St Mary's Primary School, St Vincent's Primary School, St Martin de Porres Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School, St Margaret of Scotland Primary School or Sacred Heart Primary School. The original Baptismal Certificate must be provided and supplementary admission form (Appendix 2).
5. Other baptised Catholic children. The original Baptismal Certificate must be provided and supplementary admission form (Appendix 2).
6. Siblings* other than Catholic currently at Cardinal Newman School at the time of proposed admission.
7. Children of staff.
8. Children from other Christian denominations whose parents wish them to receive a Christian education, and whose application is supported by their priest or minister of religion.
9. Children from other faith backgrounds whose application is supported by their minister of religion.
10. Other children.

Additional information

1. All parents/carers whose application was successful or unsuccessful will be informed in writing of the outcome of their application on or just after 1 March 2019.
2. The parents/carers of those children whose application for a place was unsuccessful will be informed in writing on or just after 1 March 2019. The decision of the Admissions Committee and its reasons for not offering a place will be explained along with the parent's/carer's right to lodge an appeal against the decision including details of how and to whom such an appeal should be lodged.