

Mission Statement

With Christ as our guide; Learning together
Loving God and each other; Becoming the best we can be

St Peter's Catholic School (Sixth Form)

Entry to St Peter's School – Admissions Policy 2016/17

St Peter's is a Catholic School (the "School"). We ask that all Parent(s)/Carer(s) and the students applying for a place here to respect our Catholic ethos and its importance to our School Community. The School serves the Catholic community in Bournemouth, Dorset and Hampshire.

The normal years of entry to the School are Reception, Year 7 and Year 12 (the Sixth Form). There are separate admissions policies for each of these entry years.

Admissions is the responsibility of the Governing Body, which has agreed admissions policies that conform to the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 and Regulations, the Education Act 2002, the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and Regulations. They are guided by the criteria set out in the School Admissions Code issued by the Secretary of State for Education on 19 December 2014 and the guidelines issued by the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. It takes account of the Equality Act 2010.

Admissions to the Sixth Form, 2016/17 (Year 12)

Existing students at St Peter's have automatic entry into the Sixth Form providing that they meet the academic requirements and submit their application by the given deadline. Students will be expected to achieve the entry requirements for their chosen courses as set out in the annual prospectus. All applications will be judged against the course admissions criteria. The number of courses followed must reach the expected total guided learning hours of 540

Sixth Form Admission arrangements for external applicants

The Admissions Number – 240

Aware of the facilities currently available, the Governors have decided, in agreement with the Local Authority, that 240 is the maximum number of Students that can be admitted without prejudice to the education that the School provides. Priority is given to Students already at the school. Within this total, admissions will be subject to the availability of places on the various courses and in the various subjects offered by the School. Courses may be withdrawn if insufficient numbers apply and courses become unviable to run. Applicants must satisfy the requirements for admission to the proposed programme of study.

The Criteria for Admission

Should there be more applicants than places available, based on the evidence provided with each application, the Governors will use the criteria for admission to place every applicant in one of the categories listed below. The order of the categories listed below determines the order of priority for admission. Applicants who qualify for more than one category will be placed in the highest one in which they appear. In the case of oversubscription applicants will be ranked within each category and priority given to applicants with **siblings** in the school and then all ranked according to **distance from school** (see notes 1 and 3 below).

Students with a statement of Special Educational Needs or Education Health Care Plan ("Statement/EHC Plan") which has St Peter's School named in the Statement will be given a place

at the School, on condition that the relevant entry requirements are met for the students' chosen courses. Students accepted will count towards the published admission number.

The place must be taken on the allocated registration day, unless other arrangements for registration have been agreed with the school. The provisional place may be offered to another student if it is not firmly accepted on the designated day.

The Categories used to decide the Order of Preference for Applicants

The categories are set out in the order in which they will be applied, starting with the highest category.

Category 1

Looked after or previously looked after students who submit their application by the given deadline. Students will be expected to achieve the entry requirements for their chosen courses as set out in the annual prospectus. All applications will be judged against the course admissions criteria. The number of courses followed must reach the expected total guided learning hours of 540

Category 2

Students currently in Year 11 at other educational establishments who submit their application by the given deadline. Students will be expected to achieve the entry requirements for their chosen courses as set out in the annual prospectus. All applications will be judged against the course admissions criteria. The number of courses followed must reach the expected total guided learning hours of 540

Please note that for all categories offers of places on all courses are made subject to availability. St Peter's School reserves the right to alter, substitute or withdraw programmes.

Oversubscription

Students will be admitted under the criteria above until the total admission number of 240 is reached. The minimum number of external candidates admitted will be zero and the maximum number will be 150.

NOTES

(1) The Distance Criterion

Higher priority will be accorded to applicants living nearer to the school with the distance being measured by the Local Authority's Geographical Information System (GIS) in use at the time of allocation (the system at the time of setting the policy takes the measurement between the address mapping points of the main entrance gate to the Southbourne site of the secondary school and the front door of the child's home). If distances are equal, as calculated by the Authority's GIS system, for example a flat in a block of dwellings with the same front entrance, a random allocation system (supervised by an independent body) will be used to determine the allocation. The Governors have determined that the measuring point should be the front gate for main reception at the Southbourne site .

(2) Applications for Students who are Disabled

The School welcomes and makes every effort to accommodate Students, irrespective of ability or disability, and works closely with Parent(s)/Carer(s) and Students to achieve good access to the buildings, the curriculum and the life of the School. However, on both School sites, the buildings can present significant barriers to full inclusion for certain Students. Wherever possible, the School will endeavour to overcome these barriers through careful timetabling of lessons and additional support. Those with a disability are encouraged to contact the School prior to making an application.

(3) Siblings

For the purposes of the Admissions Policy, siblings are brothers and sisters. Brothers and sisters are defined as half or full brother or sister, adoptive brother or sister and the children of Parent(s)/Carer(s) who are married or cohabiting, where the Parent(s)/Carer(s) and children live together in the same household. If all the siblings in a particular category cannot be admitted, preference will be given by reference to the distance criterion.

(4) Multiple Birth Children.

If the last Student offered a place within the Published Admission Number (PAN) is from a multiple birth or has a sibling in the same year group, any further sibling will be admitted, if the Parents/Carers so wish, even though this may raise the intake number above the School's PAN. The PAN will remain unchanged so that no other Student will be admitted until a place becomes available within the PAN.

(5) Final Tie-Break Allocation Process

14. If there are insufficient places to accommodate all applicants and after using all tie break criteria applicants for the final place(s) cannot be split the remaining place(s) will be allocated using a random allocation process. The process will be electronically administered through the IT providers in use at the time. At the time of setting this policy the providers are Tribal Technology.

Out of Normal Age Group requests

St. Peter's Governing Body adopts the Bournemouth Policy and Procedure for delayed admission of Students Outside of their Normal Year Group

Requests from parents with students who are gifted and talented, or who have experienced problems or missed part of a year, for example, due to ill health, can seek places outside the normal age group. The Governing Body will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of each case.

Parents do not have a right to appeal if they have been offered a place and it is not in the year group they would like

