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The Clerk to the Governing Body of:
All Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools
All Foundation and Voluntary Aided Schools
Director of Children's Services, Peterborough Local Authority

Dear Colleague,

Primary School Admission Arrangements for September 2009

In accordance with the Education Act 2006 and the requirements of the School Admissions Code of Practice, the Governors of St Thomas More Roman Catholic Primary School consulted on the admission arrangements for September 2009. The Governors have reviewed the admissions criteria and they will be as follows

The Governors will admit up to 60 pupils in each year group.

In order to preserve the Catholic nature of the school, the Governors will admit pupils according to the following criteria if the school is oversubscribed;

1. **Special Educational Needs**
The Governing Body will give priority to children with a statement of Special Educational Needs which names the school. This will be in addition to any specific arrangements to specialist provision.
2. **Looked after Catholic children**
3. **Looked after Children**
4. **Baptised Catholic Siblings**
Baptised Catholic children who have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission
5. **Baptised Catholics**
Children who are baptised Catholics and live in the catchment area served by the school. This includes the parishes of All Peters and All Souls with the community of Our Lady of Lourdes, St Lukes, St Judes at Whittlesey, Our Lady and St Charles at Wisbech.
6. **Baptised Catholics**
Children who live outside the catchment area defined above.
7. **Siblings**
Children of other denominations and faiths who have a brother or sister in school at the time of admission.
8. **Children with a Catholic background**
Any other child whose parents or family have a Catholic background.
9. **Children of other faiths**
Children of other denominations and faiths whose parents can demonstrate a regular commitment that can be endorsed by recommendation of another minister, priest or religious faith leader.

In keeping with our Mission statement, all the above criteria include children with Verified Medical Needs (the requirements are strict and need certification by a doctor).

Notes

- In relation to categories 1 to 4, a Baptismal certificate/a copy of one/or a letter from a priest confirming the baptism, will be necessary
- In relation to categories 2 and 5, children are siblings if their parents are married and parents and children live together in the same household., they are half or full brother or sister, living together in the same household; they are adoptive brother or sister, living together in the same household.
- In relation to category 6, the parents/grandparents/carers are Catholic and the application is supported by a letter from a priest.
- In relations to category 7, the application must be supported with a letter from a minister, priest or religious faith leader. The application should also contain a letter stating the reasons for choosing the school.
- In the event of over subscription in any category, distance from the school, measured by the shortest safest walking route, will be used to determine places with the closest gaining highest priority.
- The school does not operate a waiting list.

Yours sincerely,

Tessa Barcham

Chair of Governors