

**BLESSED EDWARD OLDCORNE CATHOLIC COLLEGE**  
**ADMISSIONS POLICY 2010/11**

Admission Policy for pupils age 11 annually in September and casual admissions.

The admissions process is part of the Worcestershire Local Authority co-ordinated scheme.

The Admissions Policy of the Governors of Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College is as follows:

The college was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for children of Catholic families. 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. The College's Mission can be encapsulated in the phrase "A commitment to Gospel Values and Personal Achievement". The Gospel Values we develop, with parents, in our children are those of Love, Truth, Compassion, Holiness, Forgiveness, Justice, Sacrifice and Peace. We welcome pupils of other World Faiths and together as the "People of God" we believe in the uniqueness and goodness of each individual. We ask all parents applying for a place here to respect this ethos and its importance to the college community. This does not affect the right of parents who are not of the faith of this college to apply and to be considered for a place here.

### **Governors' Admission Policy**

Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College is a co-educational comprehensive day school. The Catholic Feeder primary schools are:

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary Worcester  
St Joseph's Catholic Primary Worcester  
St George's Catholic Primary Worcester  
St Joseph's Catholic Primary Droitwich  
Holy Redeemer Catholic Primary Pershore  
St Joseph's Catholic Primary Malvern  
St Mary's Catholic Primary Evesham  
St Mary's Catholic Primary Broadway

### **Policy and numbers**

Pupils will be admitted at age 11 without reference to ability or aptitude. The number of intended admissions for each year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> September will be 210 and we intend to admit this number in subsequent years.

### **Over subscription**

Where application for admission exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below to decide which children to admit:

1. Baptised Catholic children who are in the care of a local authority (looked after children) or are provided with accommodation by them (e.g. children with foster parents) (Under Section 22 of the Children Act 1989).
2. Baptised Catholic children from our Catholic Feeder primary schools.
3. Other baptised Catholic children.

4. Children who are not Catholic, but who are in the care of a Local Authority or are provided with accommodation by them (eg children with foster parents) (Under Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989).
5. Siblings of current pupils at the college at time of admission.
6. Children who attend our feeder Catholic Primary Schools as identified above at the time of application.
7. Other children who attend the following primary schools at the time of application:  
Claines C of E Worcester  
Redhill C of E Worcester  
Whittington C of E Worcester  
St. Barnabas C of E Worcester  
St. Clements C of E Worcester  
St. George's C of E Worcester
8. Children with specific health or other needs verified by medical or social agencies documentation.
9. Other children.

Where over subscription occurs in any category priority will be given to those living closest to the college by the nearest available walking route determined using the LA software. In exceptional circumstances, where it may not be possible to decide between the applications of these pupils who are the final qualifiers for a place (e.g. children who live at the same address or have the same distance measurement), both or all the children will be admitted.

Evidence of Baptism or Reception into the Church is required.

In the case of pupils considered for admission under category 8 you may choose to outline your case yourself, and supply any necessary medical and social information to be provided with the application form.

### **Procedure for Application**

Parents must complete and return the Application Form issued by the LA to the LA. Closing date for applications is 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

Each year the admission policy and over subscription policy will be published in the College Prospectus. The LA on behalf of the Governors will notify parents on 1st March 2010 of the outcome of their application.

### **Appeals Procedure**

In recent years the college has been oversubscribed. If your application is unsuccessful you may appeal to the Independent Appeal Panel. Appeals should be addressed to the Admissions Officer c/o Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College within 14 days of notification that a place has been refused.

### **Repeat Applications**

Unless there are significant and material changes in the circumstances of a parent's application for their child or of the college, the governors will not consider a repeat application in the same academic year.

### **Waiting List**

Children on the waiting list will be ranked in order by reference to the above admission criteria.

Waiting lists for admissions will remain open until 31<sup>st</sup> December and will then be discarded unless parents request to remain on the waiting list after this time.

### **Late Applications**

Applications received after the closing date of 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009 will only be considered alongside those received by the closing date under the following circumstances:

The family were unable to complete an application form before the closing date because they moved into the college's catchment area after the issue of application forms; or

The family were unable to comply with the admissions timetable because of exceptional circumstances which prevented the application arriving on time – the circumstances must be given in writing and attached to the Application Form; or

Late applications under the above circumstances will be considered up to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010.

### **In Year Admissions**

The college works within the Local Authority In Year protocol. A CA1 Form must be completed and signed by the child's current school and returned to the Local Authority who will pass the application to Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College. The Governing Body are the admitting authority for the College.

### **Note 1**

Children with a Statement of Education Needs that names the school must be admitted. This will reduce the number of places available to applicants.

### **Note 2 - Definitions:**

**Catholic Child:** A Baptised Catholic is one who has been baptised into full communion (Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church 837) with the Catholic Church by the Rites of Baptism of one of the various ritual Churches in communion with the See of Rome (i.e. Roman Rite, Byzantine Rite, Coptic, Syriac etc, Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church 1203.).

Canonical proof of their baptism and reception into full communion with the Catholic Church can be given by recourse to the Register of Receptions, or in some cases, a sub-section of the Baptismal Registers of the Church in which the Rite of Reception took place (Cf. Rite of Christian Initiation 399).

**Sibling:** for admission purposes, a sibling is:

- A brother or sister sharing the same parents;
- A half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one common parent;
- A step-brother or step-parent, where two children are related by a parent's marriage;
- A child/or children adopted or fostered by the parent(s) of the applicant and living at the same address as the applicant.

### **Note 3**

All criteria applications will be treated as equal preference.