



ST. ANNE'S
R.C. VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Admissions Policy

2025 - 2026



The school admission policy is rigorously applied, and pupils are admitted up to the agreed Published Admission Number, which for the 2025/26 academic year will be 150.

If there are more applications than places, admission to St Anne's RC Voluntary Academy will be subject to the oversubscription criteria in the order of priority set out below.

Pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan If the school is named in an Education, Health and Care Plan, the Governing Body has a duty to admit the child to the school.

The duty to apply these arrangements rests with the Governors of the St Anne's RC Voluntary Academy. All preferences listed on the Local Authority Preference Form will be considered on an equal basis with the following set of oversubscription criteria forming a priority order where there are more applications for admissions than the school has places available.

1. Children who are looked after or who were previously looked after (children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order) including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC).
2. Baptised Catholic children from our Catholic partner primary schools. Our partner primary schools are:
 - St Joseph's RC Primary School, Reddish
 - St Mary's RC Primary, Heaton Norris
 - St Mary's RC Primary, Levenshulme
 - St Joseph's RC Primary, Stockport
 - St Winifred's RC Primary
3. Baptised Catholic children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission.
4. Baptised Catholic children living in our contributory parishes.
5. Other Baptised Catholic children.
6. Other children who are looked after, or children who were previously looked after (children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order) including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (IAPLAC).
7. Other children who will have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission.
8. Other children.

Tie Breaker Definition:

If in any category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of proximity to the school.

Distance will be measured as a straight line from the child's home address, using the address point assigned by The National Land and Property Gazetteer, to the main gate to the school property. Measurements will be made using the local authority's school admissions data mapping software, which employs a Geographical Information System based on Ordnance Survey. In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applications where this distance would be the last place/s to be allocated, the place will be allocated to the pupil that is nearer using walking distance as measured using the local authority's school admissions data mapping software.

In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.



The address from which distance will be measured will be the permanent residential address, at the time of application, of the parent with whom the child is normally resident. Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for part of a week, the home address is the address from which the child travels to school for the majority of school days per week. If the number of days is exactly equal the home address will be that of the parent who receives the Child Benefit.

Notes

The governing body is the admissions authority for year 7 applications. The admissions committee is composed of the following governors: chair of governors, parish priest, head teacher, governor & independent clerk.

All applications for entry into Stockport schools in September 2025 should be completed on your residing local authorities website, for residents of Stockport, please complete on [Secondary school admissions - Stockport Council](#) and for residents of Manchester, please complete on [School admissions | Manchester City Council](#) . The online application process will enable parents to apply for up to 6 schools as equal preference.

The closing date for all applicants is 31st October 2024. All applicants will be considered by the governors at the same time in a fair way according to the published criteria.

Parents will be informed of the governors' decision by the LA on 3rd March 2025. An offer of a place does not guarantee a place for brothers and sisters in subsequent years