

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



ADMISSIONS

Q What is the Criteria?

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1. Baptised Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after.
 2. Baptised Catholic children who have a brother or sister attending Bishop Challoner Catholic College at the time of entry.
 3. Baptised Catholic children currently attending a named feeder school.
 4. Baptised Catholic children who currently live in the parish area of a named Catholic feeder school, who are not currently attending a named Catholic feeder school.
 5. Baptised Catholic children of staff appointed by the Governors to permanent positions at Bishop Challoner Catholic College for two or more years at the time at which the application was made and/or the member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
 6. Other Baptised Catholic children.
 7. Non-Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after.
 8. Non-Catholic children currently attending a named feeder school .
 9. Non- Catholic children of staff appointed by the Governors to permanent positions at Bishop Challoner Catholic College for two or more years at the time at which the application was made and/or the member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
 10. Other Non-Catholic children.

See website for full details <https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/catholic-college/about/policies>

Q What are the feeder schools?

A The named feeder schools for Bishop Challoner Catholic College are:

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School (Billesley)
St Alban's Catholic Primary School (Kings Heath)
St Bernard's Catholic Primary School (Moseley)
St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School (Kings Heath)
St Jude's Catholic Primary School (Brandwood)
St Edward's Catholic Primary School (Selly Oak)
SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School (Moseley)
St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School (Moseley)
St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Harborne)

Q What is the catchment area?

A Places are not allocated by distance except when a criteria is oversubscribed .

For example A child in criteria 3 who lives 9000 metres from the school will get in above a child in criteria 8 who only lives 300 metres from the school

Q Which criteria did you reach last year and to what distance ?

A Last year the allocation of places reached criteria 8 (non catholic children at a feeder school) as far as 2488 metres, all catholic children that wanted a place got in. In the previous year the allocation of places was made to criteria 6 (catholic children, non-feeder school) 5503 metres.

Q Do I need to provide any additional information to the school and if so when?

A Yes, In addition to the Local Authority Preference Form, you will need to provide a **baptismal certificate and a SIF (Supplementary Information Form),(if this is applicable to you). You will need to do this by 31st October.** This can be done in person to the school, by post or by scanning and emailing to l.obrien@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk SIF forms can be obtained from the school reception or can be downloaded from the website.

Q My child is not catholic, will they get in?

A Anyone can apply for the school, however, catholic children are prioritised in line with our criteria.

Q Do I need to put 6 choices on my preference form?

A Yes, the Local Authority advises that you do, and they should be in your preferred order