



Important information regarding preferences:

Sefton administers an Equal Preference Scheme agreed by all Sefton Schools. This means that all preferences expressed for a Sefton school on the admission application form will be considered **equally**. This means that your child will be considered for a place at each school named on your application using the individual admissions criteria for that school irrespective of whether it is your 1st, 2nd or 3rd preference on the application form. Your application is then ranked against the admissions criteria for each school.

Example:

Preference 1: School A – 150 places
Child's rank 165

Preference 2: School B – 180 places
Child's rank 154

Preference 3: School C – 135 places
Child's rank 103

Child Allocated School B

This child is not eligible for School A (their first preference) as they are ranked outside the number of places available. They are eligible for both School B and School C. They would be offered School B as it is a higher preference.

If you choose Holy Family as your 1st preference and you are unsuccessful, you will automatically be considered for your second choice. You are not penalised for choosing your secondary feeder school as second or third preference.

If you name only one school on your application form and it cannot be offered to you, Sefton cannot automatically consider you for any other schools in your area as you have not named them. You will be allocated a place at the nearest qualifying school to your home address with a place still available after other preferences have been considered first. This may be a school that is further away from your home.

Where to get information and Admissions Criteria for Sefton Schools:

Information relating to all Sefton schools is included in the '**Sefton Primary & Secondary Schools Admissions Information**' booklet which is available (along with links to individual schools) at www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions