Mount Carmel Roman Catholic High School

Wordsworth Road, Accrington BB5 0LU
01254 233458
11-16 Mixed Comprehensive

Head: Ms C Farrelly
Number on Roll October 20245: 801
Admission number: 162

ADMISSION POLICY FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2027/2028

Information relating to Autumn Term 2026 Year 7 Admissions:
Places available: 162
Total preferences received and considered equally academic year 2026/27: 443
This is a voluntary aided school. www.mountcarmelhigh.co.uk for more details or contact the school.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA
When the school receives more applications than there are places available, the governing body will offer places using the following priority order:

1. Children in public care and previously looked after children
2. a) Baptised Catholic pupils *(refer to box a)*
   b) other pupils who attend a partner Catholic school *(refer to box b)*
3. pupils attending one of the 'Church & Oswaldtwistle Cluster' schools *(refer to box c)*
4. pupils who attend a Christian faith primary school *(refer to box d)*
5. a pupil who has a sibling who would be concurrently on roll at the school
6. any other pupil

a. BAPTISED CATHOLIC PUPILS
Send a copy of the pupil's baptismal certificate to Mount Carmel R.C. High School, Wordsworth Road, Accrington BB5 0LU in an envelope marked 'pupil admissions', or hand in to the school office.

b. PARTNER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
- St Anne's & St Joseph's Accrington
- St Mary's Clayton-Le-Moors
- St Mary's Oswaldtwistle
- St Oswald's Accrington
- Sacred Heart Accrington

c. 'CHURCH & OSWALDTWISTLE CLUSTER' SCHOOLS
- St Andrew's CE Primary
- Green Haworth CE Primary
- Hippings Methodist Primary
- Knuzden St Oswald's CE Primary
- Moor End
- St Nicholas CE Primary
- St Paul's CE Primary
- St Peter's CE Primary
- West End

d. CHRISTIAN FAITH PRIMARY SCHOOLS
- All Saints' CE Primary
- Altham St James CE Primary
- Baxenden St John's CE Primary
- Benjamin Hargreaves CE Primary
- St John's with St Augustine's CE Primary
- St Mary Magdalen's CE Primary
- Other Christian faith schools

TIE BREAK
Where there are more applicants for the available places within a category, then the distance between the Ordnance Survey address points for the school and the home measured in a straight line will be used as the final determining factor, nearer addresses having priority over more distant ones. This address point is within the body of the property and usually located at its centre. Where the cut-off point is for addresses within the same building, then the single measure between address points will apply and the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).

TRANSPORT
There is no school bus service, however pupils can use public bus routes AO1 and AO4.

Policy Determined by the Governing Body: December 2025