



**St. Cuthbert's**  
Roman Catholic High School

# **WHOLE SCHOOL POLICY & PROCEDURES**

## **ADMISSIONS**

### **Mission Statement**

*'The Lord God requires of us that we should help others whenever we can, always make the right choices and be the best that we can be in everything that we do'.*



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## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA 2020-21

St Cuthbert's 11-16 Roman Catholic High School serves the contributory parishes and associated primary schools listed and aims to provide a place for every Catholic child from these areas who seeks a Catholic education. The target admission figure for 2020-21 is 240. Total number on roll on 1 September 2018 is 1074.

All admissions to St Cuthbert's School are under the control of the Governing Body.

1. St Cuthbert's RC High School has been established to serve the parishes and partnership schools of St John's, Sacred Heart, Alice Ingham, St Patrick's, St Gabriel's, St Vincent de Paul's, Holy Family, Rochdale and St Mary's Littleborough.
2. Admissions will be in accordance with the following criteria:
  - a) Roman Catholic Looked After Children/adopted children previously in care.
  - b) Roman Catholic children with a sibling attending the school at the time of admission.
  - c) Roman Catholic children living in a contributory parish and attending an associated primary school.
  - d) Roman Catholic children living in a contributory parish and attending a Catholic primary school.
  - e) Other Roman Catholic children living in contributory parishes.
  - f) Roman Catholic children not living in a contributory parish and attending an associated primary school.
  - g) Other Roman Catholic Children.
  - h) Non-Catholic Looked After Children.
  - i) Non-Catholic children with siblings attending the school at the time of admission.
  - j) Non-Catholic children attending other associated Catholic primary schools.
  - k) Any Other Children.
3. The school's standard number for admissions is 240.

A strong system of liaison exists with our contributory Primary Schools, and discussion will take place with the staff in each school to make sure that all helpful information about those coming to St. Cuthbert's is shared. Before the start of a new school year, an introductory evening will be held at the school, which parents and pupils will be invited to attend. New pupils will also spend a day at St. Cuthbert's during the Summer Term.

If places are available, children qualifying under the published admissions criteria will be admitted.

Governors define a sibling as a brother or sister of the whole blood or half-blood permanently resident in the household or a legally adopted brother or sister permanently resident in the same household.

Over-subscription tie-breaker admission will be decided by the safest shortest walking route, as determined by the central point of the home to the main entrance gate of the school.

4. Application forms for places at St Cuthbert's RC High School will be on-online at RMBC website or on request from Rochdale Local Authority in September.

They should be returned to the Local Authority in October. Parents will be advised of the result of their application in March.

Making a complaint: If you're not happy with our application process you can make an objection to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator at [Rochdale Admissions Appeal](#)