



## ST ROBERT SOUTHWELL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Aiming for Excellence – Being The Best We Can Be*

# APPLICATION FOR A NURSERY PLACE – SEPTEMBER 2025

The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### **MISSION STATEMENT AND ETHOS OF THE SCHOOL**

*"To create an educating Christian community which reflects the values of the Gospel within the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church: a community which will develop the whole person; a community which works closely with parents and parish; a community which values each child as a unique individual, with particular gifts and needs; a forward looking community in which we lead those in our care to grow in their faith whilst benefiting from an enriching education."*

### **ALLOCATION OF A NURSERY PLACE DOES NOT GUARANTEE A SCHOOL PLACE**

**ST ROBERT SOUTHWELL SCHOOL** is a Catholic foundation for the education of baptised Catholic children.

The admission of pupils rests with the Board of Governors, based on the published admissions criteria. This should be read in conjunction with the Statement of the Bishops.

If you wish to apply for a place in the Nursery, the following must be sent to school:

- **Application Form**
- **Proof of address**
- **Copy of child's Baptismal Certificate**
- **Copy of child's Birth Certificate**

Completed applications should be returned to the school office **by 3.00pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Late applications will not be considered in the first round of offers.

## ADMISSIONS TO SCHOOLS – STATEMENT APPROVED BY THE BISHOPS

The admissions policy of the Bishops is based upon the understanding that each Catholic school is founded by the Church, with the purpose of providing for members of the Catholic community. The expectation is that all those admitted to the Nursery will normally be members of Catholic families who would be expected to give unqualified support to the very specific aims and ethos of the Catholic school. The Bishops see this as the norm and as representing one of the proper ways for Governors to seek to fulfil their responsibilities in safeguarding the School's corporate Catholic life and identity, and in fulfilling its educational purposes.

The application form needs to be returned to school by **15th January 2025**. All completed applications received by this date will be treated equally, according to the admissions criteria.

### **Over-Subscription Criteria**

Where there are more applicants for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

1. Catholic looked after children and all previously looked after children, 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.
2. Baptised Catholic children of members of staff, where the member of staff has been a permanent employee of the school for at least two years at the time of application.
3. Baptised Catholic children who have siblings at the school at the time the child would be admitted onto the school roll.
4. Baptised Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St Sebastian & St Pancras.
5. Baptised Catholic children, resident in other parishes.
6. Other looked after children and all previously looked after children, 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.
7. Other children who will have a sibling at the school at the time the child would be admitted onto the school roll.
8. Children of Catechumens and children from other Christian Churches whose application is supported either by a certificate of baptism or by a letter from their Minister of their religion confirming membership of the faith community.
9. Any other children.

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