



**ADMISSION TO ST THOMAS MORE ROMAN CATHOLIC ACADEMY
SEPTEMBER 2021
INFORMATION SHEET – YEAR 7**

Name of Child:		DOB:	
Current Primary School:			Male / Female (please indicate)
Names of Parents/Carers:			
Address:			
Post Code:		Tel. No:	

For further clarification, please refer to the Academy's Admissions Policy.

I have read the Admissions Policy and over-subscription criteria and indicate the category I am applying under below.

Signed: _____

- *First priority in each category will be given to children who will have an older sibling attending the school in September 2020.*

Over subscription Criteria:	*Tick(✓)
1. Looked after and previously looked after children. (see notes 2)	
2. Catholic children who attend a feeder primary school. (see note 3)	
3. Other Catholic children. (see note 3)	
4. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church. (see notes 4&5)	
5. Children attending feeder primary schools who are children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister or faith leader. (see note 6)	
6. Children attending feeder primary schools who are children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a minister or faith leader. (see note 7)	
7. Other children who attend a feeder primary school.	
8. Children of a member of school staff who has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which application for admission to the school is made (note 11)	
9. Other children who are children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister or faith leader. (see note 6)	
10. Other children who are children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a minister or faith leader. (see note 7)	
11. Any other children.	

*Please tick relevant category box.

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The Governance and HR Manager will contact your child's school if your child attends one of the feeder Catholic Primary Schools (ie St Aidan's, St Bernadette's, St Columba's, St Cuthbert's, St Joseph's, St Mary's (North Shields), Star of the Sea) to confirm evidence of Baptism. If you do **NOT** wish this to happen please tick the box.

Please note it is the parent's responsibility to provide the necessary evidence to support the category applied under. Evidence should be sent to the Miss C Marshall, Governance and HR Manager, St Thomas More R C Academy, North Shields, Tyne and Wear. NE29 8LF.

NOTES AND DEFINITIONS

1. A **Statement of Special Educational Needs** is a statement made by the local authority under section 324 of the Education Act 1996, specifying the special educational provision for a child. An **Education, Health and Care Plan** is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
2. A **looked after child** has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school.

A **previously looked after child** is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

3. **Catholic** means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child who is part of a Catholic family where a letter from a priest demonstrates that the child would have been baptised or received if it were not for their status as a looked after child (e.g. a looked after child in the process of adoption by a Catholic family).

For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism should contact their parish priest who, after consulting with the diocese, will decide how the question of baptism is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church.

4. **Catechumen** means a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church. For the purposes of admissions this refers to the child on whose behalf the application is being made. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens.
5. **Eastern Christian Church** includes Orthodox Churches, and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism or reception should contact the Diocese who will decide how the question of baptism or reception is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church.

6. **Children of other Christian denominations** means children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledge God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above.

All members of Churches Together in England and CYTÛN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis.

Applicants must provide a baptismal certificate or where child baptism is not practised, a letter confirming their church membership from their minister or faith leader.

7. **Children of other faiths** means children who are members of a religious community that does not fall within the definition of 'other Christian denominations' at 6 above and which falls within the definition of a religion for the purposes of charity law. The Charities Act 2011 defines religion to include:

- A religion which involves belief in more than one God, and
- A religion which does not involve belief in a God.

Case law has identified certain characteristics which describe the meaning of religion for the purposes of charity law, which are characterised by a belief in a supreme being and an expression of belief in that supreme being through worship.

Applicants must provide a letter of support to confirm their faith membership from their minister or faith leader.

8. **Home address** is the primary parental address which will be used in applying the admission criteria. This means that, when stating the choice of school, the parental address at the time of application should be given. The address of childminders or other family members who may share in the care of the child must not be used as the home address. Documentary evidence may be requested.

9. **Sibling** includes:

- (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
- (ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.

10. A **parent** means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child (having care of a child means that the child lives with and is looked after by that person).

11. A **member of staff** includes all school staff who are under the direct employment of the governing body of the school.