St. Mary’s RC Primary School  
Admission to Nursery Information

St. Mary’s is a Voluntary Aided Catholic school and as such the School’s Governing Body is the Admissions Authority. As a Roman Catholic school priority for places is given to Baptised Roman Catholic children.

Prospective parents are welcome to visit the Nursery during the autumn term before the in-take year, to see the Nursery in action and discuss what it has to offer your child first hand.

St Mary’s is a popular Nursery and is often oversubscribed.

From September 2018 our Nursery will offer the universal 15 hours Pre-School Education in the form of 5 morning sessions of 3 hours in length, 8.30-11.30am. If you are eligible for the 30 hour offer we are also able to accommodate this with an additional 15 hours in the form of 5 afternoon sessions 12.30-3.30pm. For children taking up the 30 hour offer we will provide care during the lunch hour 11.30-12.30 as part of the school offer. If you require care (which would be at an additional cost) beyond 3.30pm we will do our best to accommodate this.

Applications for places are considered against the oversubscription criteria outlined in the Nursery Admission Policy appendix 1 of the School Admission Policy.

Application forms for Nursery places are available on the school website www.stmarysonline.co.uk or from the school office.

These forms should be completed and returned to the school on or before January 31st prior to September admission.

Nursery pupils are admitted in small groups over a two week period at the start of the autumn term. Parents are informed of the admission arrangements in some detail during a visit to the Nursery in the summer term prior to admission. There is an opportunity during this term for children to visit their new class and teacher and for parents to meet staff and children, view the nursery, find out about our philosophy and organisation and raise any questions they may have regarding transition.

Governors will consider all applications for places in the February prior to admission and offers of places will be made by March 1st.

A place at St. Mary’s Nursery does not guarantee a place in the reception class at St. Mary’s RC Primary School.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about the application procedure or if you would like to make an appointment to visit the Nursery then please call the School Office on: 0191 200 8812.

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Mary’s RC Primary School.