

LONGRIDGE ST. WILFRID'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL
School No. 06/069

Determined Admission Policy

Please find attached a copy of the admission arrangements for this school as determined by the *Governors* for the school year 2026/27.

Chair of *Governors*:

Mrs Ruth Miller

Longridge St. Wilfrid's R.C. Primary School

Admissions Policy 2026/27

St. Wilfrid's is a Roman Catholic Primary School under the trusteeship of the Diocese of Salford and is maintained by the Lancashire Local Education Authority. As a Voluntary Aided School, the School's Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. For the school year commencing September 2026, the Governing Body has set its planned admissions number at 30.

Admission to the school will be made by the Governing Body. All preferences listed on the Local Authority Preference Form will be considered on an equal basis with the following set of ADMISSIONS CRITERIA forming a priority order where there are more applications for admissions than the school has places available.

1. Priority will be given to Roman Catholic children who are Looked after Children and Those previously Looked After'. A Looked After Child is a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their Social Services functions (under section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989. A previously Looked After Child is one who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear to the governing board to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. (School Admissions Code 2021).
2. Roman Catholic children who will have a sibling attending the school at the time of admission and resident in the parish of St. Wilfrid's.
3. Other Roman Catholic children who are resident in the parish of St. Wilfrid's.
4. Roman Catholic children who will have a sibling attending the school at the time of admission and are resident in another parish.
5. Other Roman Catholic children resident in another parish.
6. Priority will be given to all other children who are who are Looked after Children and Those previously Looked After'. A Looked After Child is a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their Social Services functions (under section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989. A previously Looked After Child is one who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear to the governing board to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. (School Admissions Code 2021).
7. Any non Roman Catholic children with siblings at the school.
8. Any other children.

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NOTES:

- a. All applicants will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions (15th January 2026) which is as determined by the Local Authority.
- b. All Catholic applicants will be required to produce baptismal certificates.
- c. It is the duty of governors to comply with class size limits at Key Stage 1.
- d. If in any category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to school by a straight line measure. Measurement will be from the centre of the school building to the centre of the applicant's home address. In the event of a tied measurement between address points the Local Authority's system of a random draw will determine which address(es) receive the offer(s).
- e. Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for part of the week, the address used will normally be the one where the child wakes up for the majority of Monday to Friday mornings. If there is any doubt about this, then the address of the Child Benefit recipient will be used. Parents may be asked to show evidence of the claim that is being made for the address used.
- f. Sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, foster brother or sister or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.
- g. Multiple Births. In the event of twins and children from multiple births, where one of the children is the 30th child admitted, the governing body will exercise its right to exceed KS1 class size regulations.
- h. A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admission Criteria. Parents will be informed of their child's position on the waiting list which will not be operated for longer than the end of the 31st December 2026.
- i. For 'In Year' applications received outside the normal admissions round and if places are available then children qualifying under the published criteria will be admitted. If there are places available but more applicants than places then the published over-subscription criteria will be applied. 'In Year' and late applications will be treated as per the co-ordinated arrangements published by the Local Authority. Where the

Governors are unable to offer a place because the school is oversubscribed, parents have the right to appeal to an independent admission appeal panel. Parents will have the opportunity to submit their case to the panel in writing and to attend in order to present their case. Parents/guardians should complete the online appeal form <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/appeal-against-an-admission-decision/secondary-school-appeals/>

within 20 school days of receiving the letter refusing a place. You will normally receive 14 days' notice of the place and time of the hearing.

- j. Deferred Admissions - If your child is due to start school during the next academic year, it is important that you apply for a place for September. If your child's fifth birthday is between the months of September and December, then, if you wish it, admission may be deferred until January; if it is between January and April, then admission may be deferred until the start of the summer term though it is likely to be in your child's interest to start no later than January. You may also request that your child attend school part time until he/she reaches his/her fifth birthday.

Parents may ask to defer accessing an offered place with a child's reception year until the first day of term after a fifth birthday.

If your child's fifth birthday is between April and August then they can start school the following September. The expectation would be that parents have decided that the child will miss the full reception year and they would have to apply for Year 1 places (if any remained available).

Requests for full year deferral with a retained reception start will be considered individually. Parents would be expected to provide substantial and exceptional evidence of the need for this to happen (personal views and reference to national research will not suffice). Further information is on the Local Authority web site at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools (primary admission information for parents).

- k. Late Applications received after the closing date 15th January 2026 will be treated as late applications. Only in special circumstances, and where appropriate evidence is provided, will applications received after the closing date (but offers of places have been made) be considered alongside those received on time.
- l. If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Body, parents can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This appeal should be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the school within 14 days of notification of refusal. The date of notification will be two working days after posting by first class post. The parents must give their reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on all parties.

- m. The Governing Body reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to baptism, sibling connections or place of residence
- n. Criteria updated June 2021 in line with the 2021 School Admissions Code (the Code) requires 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 to be given equal first priority in admission arrangements, alongside looked after children (LAC) and children who were previously looked after by English local authorities (PLAC). This advice refers to these children as internationally adopted previously looked after children - "IAPLAC".

DIOCESE OF SALFORD - Supplementary Admission Form
ST. WILFRID'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL - Lancashire School Number 06/69

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS and return to school by 15th January 2026

Surname of child: _____

Forename(s): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address of child:

Postcode:

Your Telephone Number:

Is your child? BAPTISED CATHOLIC

NON CATHOLIC

FOR BAPTISED CATHOLICS

MONTH OF BAPTISM _____ YEAR _____

PARISH _____

PARISH LOCATION (TOWN/CITY) _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE WITH THIS FORM.

If this is not possible explain below

To the best of my knowledge the information contained on this form is correct.

Signed Name (Please Print).....

Relation to child Date.....