



St Anne's RC Primary

'We Grow Together in God's Love'



ADMISSION POLICY AND ARRANGEMENTS 2026/2027

St Anne's RC Primary School is a Catholic School in the trusteeship of the Diocese of Salford. It is maintained by Oldham Local Authority and is a voluntary aided school. The Governing board is the admissions authority and is responsible for taking all decisions on applications for admissions. The co-ordination of admissions arrangements is undertaken by the Local Authority.

For the school's year commencing September 2026, the governing board has determined that the number of children to be admitted to the relevant year will be 30. The school's role is to participate in the mission of the Catholic Church by providing a curriculum, including Catholic religious education and worship, which will help children to grow in their understanding of the Good News and in the practice of their faith. The school will help the children develop fully as human beings and prepare them to undertake their responsibilities as Catholics in society. The school requires all parents applying for a place here to understand and respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the rights of parents who are not of the Catholic faith to apply for a place here.

Admissions to the school will be determined by the governing board. Parents must complete a Local Authority Preference Form or apply online via the website

<https://www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions> If you wish to have your application considered against the school's religious criteria then you must ALSO complete the supplementary form which is available from the school. The admission of pupils with a statement of Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. Children with a statement of Special Educational Needs or EHC plan that names the school must be admitted. Where this takes place before the allocation of places under these arrangements will reduce the number of places available to other children.

If there are fewer than 30 applications, all applicants will be offered places. If there are more applications than the number of places available, the following oversubscription criteria will be applied:

1. Baptised Roman Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.
2. Other Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.
3. Baptised Roman Catholic children who will have a sibling attending the school at the time of admission residing in the parish of St Francis of Assisi, Oldham * see map below
4. Baptised Roman Catholic children who reside in the catchment area of St Anne's RC, residing in the parish of St Francis of Assisi, Oldham * see description and map below
5. Baptised Roman Catholic children who reside in the parish of St Francis of Assisi, Oldham
6. Other baptised Roman Catholic children.
7. Other children who have a sibling attending the school at the time of admission.
8. Baptised children from other Christian faiths.
9. All remaining applicants

If it is not possible to offer places for all applications within any criterion above, priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured by measuring the distance or radii from the

door of the school reception to the child's primary address. In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applicants, places will be allocated by a random draw of names

Notes for Applicants:

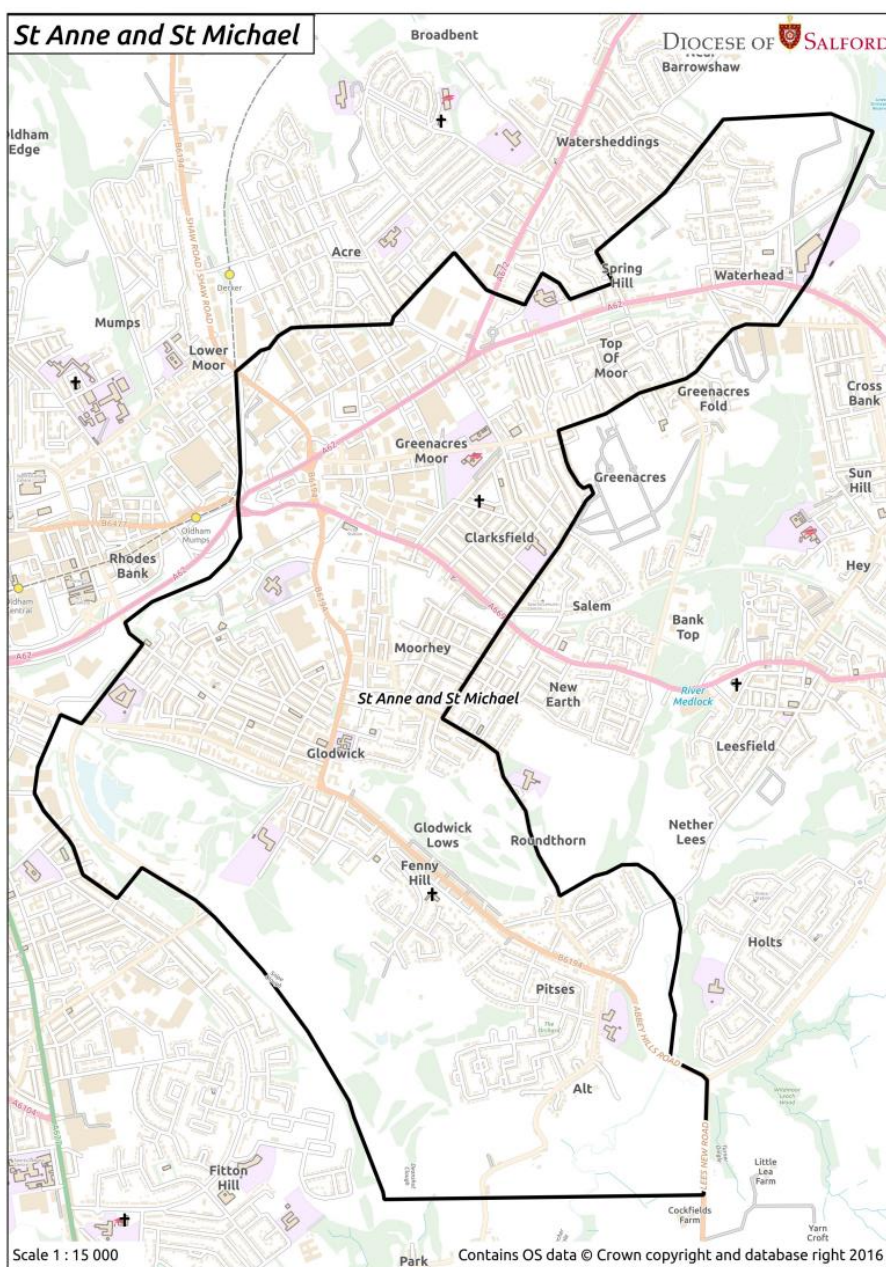
- a) All applications will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions which is 15th January 2026. Applications received after this date will be treated as a late application and will not be considered until after the main allocation of places has taken place.
- b) A Looked 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 body) to have been in a state care outside of England and who ceased to be in a state care as a result of being adopted.
- c) For a child to be considered as a Catholic evidence of a Catholic Baptism or reception into the Catholic Church is required. Written evidence of reception into the Catholic Church can be obtained by referring to the Register of Receptions, or in some cases a sub-section of the Baptismal Registers of the Church in which the Rite of Reception took place. If, for example, a child has been baptised in the Church of England and the parents are subsequently admitted to the Catholic Church through the RCIA programme, the child must also be admitted to the Church by the Rite of Reception. The governing board will require written evidence in the form of a Certificate of Reception before applications for school places can be considered for categories of 'Baptised Catholics'. A Certificate of Reception is to include full name, date of birth, date of reception and parent(s) name(s). The certificate must also show that it is copied from the records kept by the place of reception. Those who have difficulty obtaining written evidence of baptism for a good reason, may still be considered as baptised Catholics but only after they have been referred to the parish priest who, after consulting with the Director of Education or officers of the DDFE 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.
- d) Home Address is considered to be the address where the child normally lives. Where care is split and a child moves between two addresses, the household in receipt of the child benefit would normally be the address used but the admission authority body reserves the right to request other evidence as fit the individual circumstance. Applicants should not state the address of another relative or person who has daily care of the child. Admissions Guidance – Updated September 2020 13
- e) 'Sibling' is defined in these arrangements as full, half or stepbrothers and sisters, adopted and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address and are part of the same family unit. This does not include cousins or other family relationships.
- f) A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the admission criteria. The waiting list does not consider the date the application was received or the length of time a child's name has been on the waiting list. This means that a child's position on the list may change if another applicant is refused a place and their child has higher priority in the admissions criteria.
- g) For 'In Year' applications received outside the normal admissions round, if places are available they will be offered to those who apply. If there are places available but more applicants than places then the published oversubscription criteria will be applied. If you wish to transfer your child to St Anne's RC Primary, you must complete and submit the in

year supplementary admissions form. This can be either downloaded from school website or collected from the school office. Your application will then be added to our waiting list, ranked according to the criteria your child's comes under. If a vacancy does arise within a class, school will contact you direct to arrange an appointment with the Head teacher to view the school, confirming a start date. Please return to info@stannesrc.oldham.sch.uk

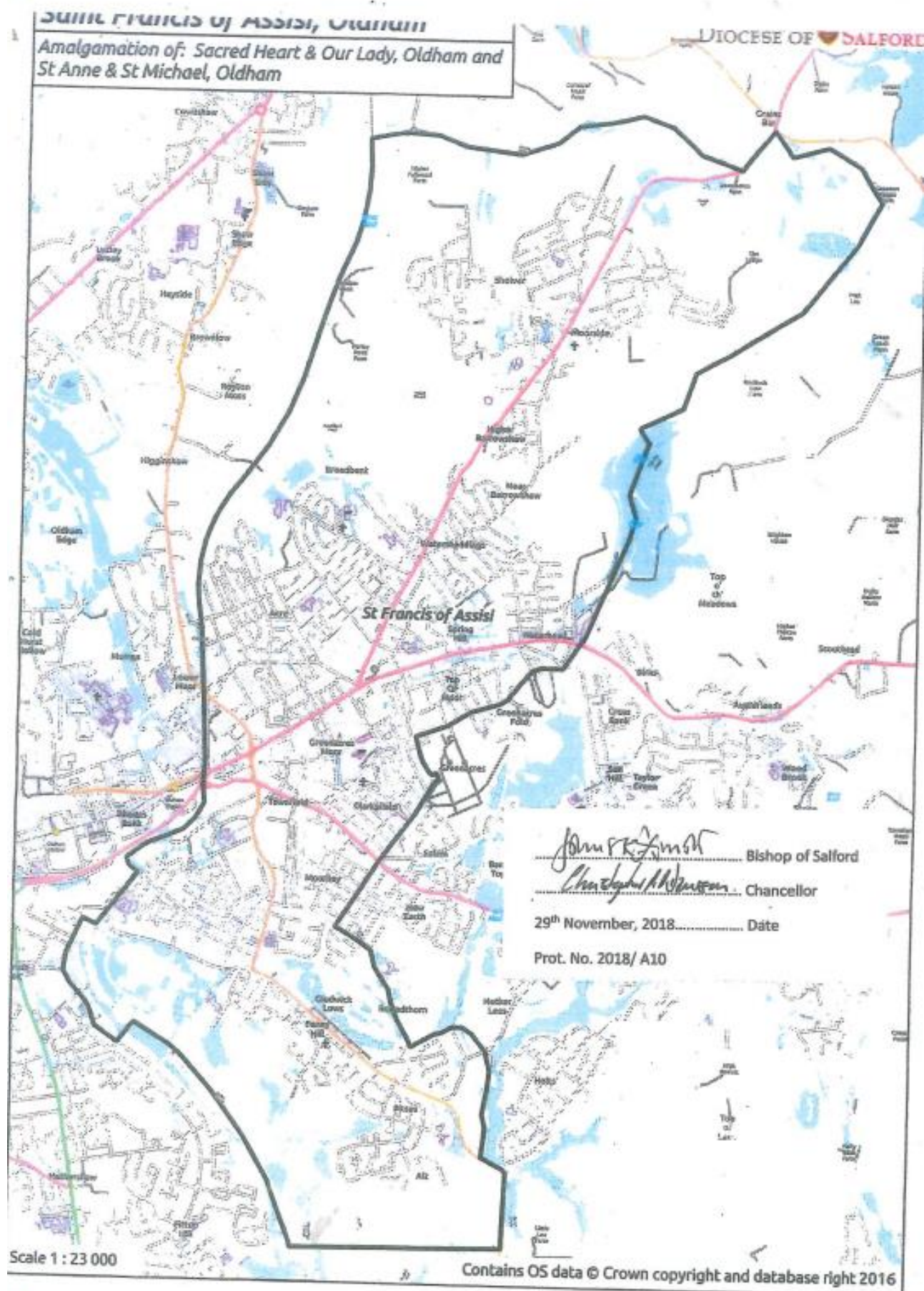
- a) If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Board, parents may appeal to an independent appeals panel. Parents must be allowed at least twenty school days from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful to submit that appeal. Parents must give reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the appeals panel is binding on the governors.
- b) The governing board reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to the application.
- c) It is the duty of governors to comply with regulations on class size limits for children aged between rising five and seven. The governing board may exceed the regulations for twins and children from multiple births where one of the children is the 30th child admitted. This also applies to in-year applicants who are looked after/previously looked after children of UK service personnel or children who move into the area for whom there is no other school available within a reasonable distance.
- d) If a child is a "summer born child", parents may request that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred to later in the school year. However, the child must start school before the end of that school year. If a parent wishes their child to be educated out of their normal school year (kept back a year), they must discuss this with the school before applying. However, the final decision on this rests with the headteacher.
- e) Parents may request that their child attend school part-time until he/she reaches his/her fifth birthday

St Anne's and St Michaels Catchment Description:

St Anne and St Michael, Oldham From the S border of Lower Strinesdale Reservoir, S along Saddleworth Civil Parish boundary to Greenacres Road. Then W by Greenacres Road, Esther Street, Clarksfield Road, Brewerton Road, Roundthorn Road and by a bee-line to the River Medlock near, and including Coverham Avenue and Ferndale Close. S by River Medlock to Abbey Hills Road, Lees New Road to, but excluding Cockfields Farm. Then W by a beeline to and N along Snipe Clough and King's Road to the point opposite Belgrave Road. By a bee-line to and NW by Belgrave Road and Scottfield road, and by a bee-line to Park Road, excluding Eldon Street and Brookfield Street estate. E by Park Road, then NE by Woodstock Street, Waterloo Street and NE by a footpath s of Oldham Way to the junction of Oldham Way and Lees Road, and N by the Railway to the junction of Spencer Street and Arnold Street. Then by Arnold Street, Derker Street, Prince Charlie Street, Vulcan Street, Shrewsbury Avenue, Little Moor Lane, Vincent Avenue, Leamington Street and by a beeline to Sharples Hall Street. Then N along Sharples Hall Street, NW border of Waterhead Park, Furze Lane to the end of the road and by a bee-line to S border of Lower Strinesdale Reservoir, including all of Armdale Rise estate.



St Francis of Assisi Parish





Catholic Federation of Oldham Schools Supplementary Application Form

You will be asked to provide copies of baptism certificates and birth certificates.



Surname of child			
Forenames of child			
Date of birth			
Gender			
Address of child (Please note proof may be required)			
Postcode			
Parent(s) Name(s)			
Email address			
Mobile telephone number			
Landline telephone number			
School(s) Applying for			
Which Catholic Parish do you live in?			
Religion			
Are you able to produce a baptism certificate?	Catholic Baptism Certificate:	Yes ☐	No ☐
	Christian Baptism Certificate:	Yes ☐	No ☐
Year group applying for and/or date of entry to Reception/Nursery class?			
Is your child Looked After or Previously Looked After?	Yes ☐	No ☐	
Does your child have a statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or an Education Health and Care Plan (EHP)?	Yes ☐	No ☐	
Does your child have an exceptional social, medical, educational or religious need which can be best met only at the school(s) that you are applying to?	Yes ☐	No ☐	
Does your child have a sibling in the school at the time of admission?	Yes ☐	No ☐	
Name of sibling(s):			

Please ensure the form is returned to the Catholic school(s) to which you are applying.

You will still need to complete the Oldham Council Online Application Form.

For applicants for Reception Class, please ensure the form is returned to school before the Oldham LA admissions deadline date.

For oversubscription criteria, please refer to the Admission Policy on the school website.

CFOS Schools are GDPR compliant.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



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Supplementary Application Form/Waiting List September 2026

If you wish your child to be placed on our waiting list or to support your Reception place application. Please complete and return to school, along with any certificates you wish to submit.

Surname of child Forenames of child

Date of birth Gender: Male/Female

Address of child

..... Postcode

Parent's name

Mobile telephone number

Landline telephone number

Class applying for

Religion Baptised Catholic YES / NO

Please tick which criteria your application is eligible to be judged on.

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