

# OUR LADY IMMACULATE

## CATHOLIC ACADEMIES TRUST

### ADMISSIONS POLICIES FOR 2027 (Northamptonshire Area)

Welcome to Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Academies Trust.

We are a large Catholic Multi Academy Trust situated in the northern half of the Catholic Diocese of Northampton. The Trust currently leads ten Catholic primary schools and two Catholic secondary schools located across the geographical area of Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire. Our schools cover Northampton, Wellingborough, Corby, Kettering and Bedford.

The Directors of the Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Academies Trust are responsible for determining and administering the policy relating to the admission of pupils to the schools within the Trust. It is guided in that responsibility by the requirements of the law, the advice of the Diocese of Northampton, and its duty to the schools and the Catholic community.

We aim to provide a Catholic education for all our pupils. At a Catholic school, Catholic doctrine and practice permeate every aspect of the school's activity. We welcome applications from those of all faiths and none and hope that all parents will give their full, unreserved and positive support for the aims and ethos of the schools. This does not affect the right of an applicant who is not Catholic to apply for and be admitted to a place at the school in accordance with the admission arrangements.

OLICAT Directors will consider all applications made in accordance with the criteria set out without reference to the aptitude or ability of the child. All applications will be considered on an equal preference basis.

Children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming the school will be admitted in accordance with Local Authority policy and regulations.

# Our Lady Catholic Primary School

Henshaw Road,  
Wellingborough,  
Northants NN8 2BE  
<https://www.ourlady catholic.northants.sch.uk/>



*We feel that 'Our Lady's' is a very special name for our school. Its significance is in the love and response of Mary, chosen by God to be a very special parent, the mother of Jesus. Our mission as parents and teachers is to bring up our children in a Christian community which will inspire their formation as future adults of society. We encourage consideration for others, and this is demonstrated by our success in charity work.*

***Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you."***

*As new parents we extend to you a very warm welcome: for you this is the first introduction to our school, and we hope that you quickly become a valued partner in the education of your child. Each year we look at the names of our new children. It is always a delight to recognise and welcome younger children of present families, as well as younger children of parents whose older children have moved on some years ago. This provides a continuation or renewal of established relationship and friendship, with our parents. Increasingly it is a pleasure to welcome the children of past pupils.*

*We have an enthusiastic and dedicated staff who are committed to the aims of Our Lady's and enhance that community relationship. Their aim is to help all children achieve their best work, along with good behaviour and appearance, and to show care and concern for others.*

For 2027 Our Lady Catholic Primary School Published Admission Number is set at 60 into Reception.

1. Looked after and previously looked after children.
2. Catholic children with a Certificate of Catholic Practice who have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission.
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4. Catholic children who have a brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission.
5. Catholic children for whom the school is the nearest Catholic school.
6. Other Catholic children.
7. Children of staff who have either:
  - a. been employed at the school for two or more years at the time the application for admission to that school is made.
  - b. or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
8. Siblings of other children whose siblings will be in attendance at the date of admission.
9. Children from other Christian denominations whose parents wish them to receive a Christian education whose application is supported by a Christian minister.
10. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion or other religious leader.
11. Any other children.

In the event that any category is over-subscribed priority will be given to applicants in order of geographical proximity to the school (priority being given to the children who live closer to the school). The Governing Body will use the Local Authority's system to determine the distance between the applicants address point and the school's address point.