

# Holy Family School for the Deaf

## Admission Policy

- Admission policy first explains the school's background:
- Holy Family is a Catholic Special school for Deaf boys and girls and promotes the students development, and teaches the Catholic faith, in relation to the traditions and practices of the Roman Catholic Church
- The school has a "Mission Statement" which you can see in the main policy. This statement explains how we will try to give the pupils the best possible education and encourage them to become what they can be.....and create a safe, respectful and positive learning environment for them.....all staff are committed to achieving this
- Regarding the offer of a place in our school, Holy Family will not discriminate against any student on any of these reasons/grounds:
  1. Gender
  2. Civil Status
  3. Family status
  4. Sexual orientation
  5. Religion
  6. Disability
  7. Race
  8. Member of Traveller Community
  9. Special Educational need
- Holy Family will accept pupils with a mild, moderate, severe or profound hearing loss, familial deafness or progressive hearing loss. Will also accept students with other special needs in addition to their deafness.

- But, Holy Family may sometimes refuse a student because:
  1. the student's needs are outside the category of Special needs that the school provides
  2. the parent does not accept the school Code of Behaviour
  3. a student of a different religion might not be admitted if refusing them a place is necessary to keep the Catholic ethos of the school

AGE: students wont be accepted if.....

- under 3 years old ( Early Intervention)
  - under 4 years old (Primary level)
  - under 18 years old ( Post Primary)
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- If there are more applications than places then we have to use the following criteria when considering offering place to student:
    1. child is registered in Early Intervention class
    2. child has brother or sister already in Holy Family
    3. child's parent is on staff
    4. child's brother sister in past attended H F
    5. parent or grandparent in past attended
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- There's a full list in the policy of other things we do not consider when offering place.
  - Parents will get a letter from school offering a place, or explaining why not offered, and where child is on waiting list
  - The policy has other details :
    - Explains why an offer can be taken back
    - List of what information schools can share

- How Waiting List works
  - Late applications
  - Reviewing or appealing decision to refuse place
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- Further details are in the Admissions Policy on the school website and if you need more clarification or have any questions please contact us at the school