

# St Gregory and St Patrick's Catholic Infant School

## ADMISSION POLICY 2026/27

### 1. GENERAL STATEMENT

a) St Gregory & St Patrick's Catholic Infant School is situated in the Diocese of Lancaster and maintained by Cumberland Council.

b) The Governing Body is responsible for admissions within the requirements of the law. In doing so the Governing Body has a regard for:

- The advice of the Diocesan Trustees on the nature and purpose of Catholic schools;
- The Governing Body's responsibility towards the school and the Catholic community it serves;
- The Catholic character of the school and its Mission Statement.

### 2. ANNUAL REVIEW POLICY

The school's Admission Policy shall be reviewed by the full Governing Body each year, and in sufficient time to enable any necessary public consultation with the Local Authority and other relevant parties before its publication in the School Prospectus for the subsequent academic year.

### 3. PROCEDURE FOR ADMITTING CHILDREN TO THE SCHOOL

The Governing Body will admit 60 pupils in September 2026. If the number of applications for admission exceeds the places available, children will be admitted in the order of priority.

As required by law, all children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school will be admitted before the application of the oversubscription criteria.

### CRITERIA

1. Baptised Catholic children in public care, previously looked after children who have been adopted or have become subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order.
2. Baptised Catholic children who live in the parishes of St. Begh's Whitehaven and St. Benedict's Whitehaven with a sibling in the school at the time of expected admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children who attend St Gregory & St Patrick's Catholic Infant School Nursery
4. Other Baptised Catholic children who live in the parishes of St. Begh's Whitehaven and St. Benedict's Whitehaven.
5. Other Baptised Catholic children with a sibling in the school at the time of expected admission.
6. Other Baptised Catholic children.
7. Other children who are in public care, previously looked after children who have been adopted or have become subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order.
8. Baptised Christian children with a sibling in school at the time of expected admission.
9. Baptised Christian children.
10. Other children.

If the number of children in any of the categories is greater than the places available, application will be further ranked by as follows:

- 1) Children with specific educational, medical, social or emotional need which is relevant to the school and whose application is supported in writing by an appropriate authority (e.g. doctor or social worker)
- 2) Children living closest to school office as measured by the shortest walking route from home to school. Distance measurements will be undertaken using the Local Authority's computerised Geographical Information System [GIS].

No more than 30 children will be admitted to any one reception or infant class.

Additional children may be admitted under limited circumstances in line with the Schools Admissions Code.