



Torfaen Catholic Primary Schools Admissions Policy 2027-28

Our Lady of the Angels, Padre Pio, and St David's Catholic Primary Schools were founded by and are part of the Catholic Church. They are Voluntary Aided schools in the Archdiocese of Cardiff and are maintained by Torfaen Local Authority. They serve the Roman Catholic Parishes of Our Lady of the Angels, St. Alban's, and St Davids. The Governing Body of a catholic school is the admissions authority for the school.

Our aim is to provide a high-quality Christian Education based on the teachings of Christ in the Gospels, where everyone is a valued member of our community and is able to develop his or her talent to the full. We aim to promote in all members of our community, faith, and religious commitment, in accordance with the rites, practices and teachings of the Catholic Church.

Apply for a Place

If you wish to apply for a place in Reception, applications should be submitted to Torfaen Council, via the website: [School Admissions | Torfaen County Borough Council](#)

If you wish to apply for a place in Nursery (Our Lady of the Angels or St. David's) or to apply for an in-year transfer from another school, please contact the school directly:

Our Lady of the Angels – 01633 484673, Padre Pio – 01495 742074, St. David's – 01633 482580.

Admission Dates 2027

- Opening date for Nursery applications - 8th June 2026
 - Closing date for Nursery applications - 20th July 2026 5pm (decision date - 18th September 2026)
 - Opening date for Reception applications - 13th November 2026
 - Closing date for Reception applications - 15th January 2027 (decision date - 16th April 2027)
- Applicants will receive an email notification with the outcome of their application.

Admission Number

The Admission Number of new entries as of September 2027 is 30 per year group, as per Welsh Government / Local Authority directives.

Pupils with Additional Learning Needs

Children with an Individual Development Plan (IDP) naming the school will be admitted before other applicants.

Oversubscription Criteria and Order of Priority

When the number of applications is equal to or less than the admission number, all pupils will be admitted. When the number of applications exceeds the admission number, the following criteria will be applied, in priority order. **In every criterion Children Looked After (CLA) / previously CLA will take priority. (The term 'Child Looked After' refers to children who are looked after by a local authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989.)**

1. Baptised Catholic children living in the Roman Catholic Parish served by the school (Our Lady of the Angels School and St. David's School serve the Parish of Our Lady of the Angels and St. David's, Padre Pio School serves the Parish of St. Alban's North Torfaen and St. Felix).
2. Baptised Catholic children living outside of the Parish served by the school.
3. Children who are siblings of pupils already in the school. (Siblings are: brothers and sisters, whether half, full, step or adopted or foster will be considered relevant where living in the same household and where an older child will still be registered at the school when the younger one would be eligible to attend.)
4. Children of other Christian faiths whose parents desire a specifically Catholic education for their children. These applications should be accompanied by a christening certificate or a letter of support from their faith leader.
5. Children of other faith traditions whose parents desire a specifically Catholic education for their children. These applications should be accompanied by a letter of support from their faith leader.
6. Children whose parents seek a Faith-based education.

Tie Breaker

Where places are available to some but not all the applicants in any of the categories listed above then preference shall be given to those living nearest to the school. Distance measurements are calculated using Geographic Information System (GIS) software. The distance is measured from the point where the child's home meets the highway, to the nearest available school entrance using Ordnance Survey road and footpath network data. Only paths and pavements which are suitable for pedestrians are used in the analysis.

Notes regarding Oversubscription Criteria

- a. All applications from baptised Catholics must be accompanied by their baptism certificate.
- b. Baptised children also refers to children who have expressed a desire to be baptised into the Catholic Church and are currently preparing for the sacrament. This must be confirmed by the parish priest in writing.
- c. In the event of multiple birth children meeting the same over subscription criteria, if governors are able to admit one of the siblings, then their multiple birth siblings will also be admitted.
- d. In all of the above categories the Governing Body will give consideration to those children who have particular medical or social needs which determine the school being particularly suitable for an individual child. In such a case, strong and relevant evidence must be provided by an appropriate authority, e.g. qualified medical practitioner, education welfare officer, social worker or priest.

Appeals Procedure

If your application is not successful, you have the right to appeal the decision. Parents wishing to express the right of appeal should contact the school directly to request an appeal form and guidance notes on the appeals procedure. The appeal form should be returned within 14 days (10 working days) of receiving notification that your application has been unsuccessful – the appeal form should be returned to the Clerk to the Governing Body, care of the school address. An independent Appeals Panel will be convened as soon as is practicable to determine the appeal. For timetabled admissions, appeals will be heard within 30 days of the specified closing date for receipt of appeals. Appeals outside the normal timetabled admissions process will be heard within 30 days of the appeal being received in writing.

Waiting List

Children who have not been offered a place at the school will be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained in order of the oversubscription criteria listed above (not in the order in which applications are received). Placing a child's name on the waiting list does not guarantee that a place will become available. This does not prevent parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place. Names will remain on the waiting list until 30 September in the school year in which they have applied.

Late Applications

Any late applications will be considered by the Governors' Admissions Committee using the above criteria. If all places have been filled, parents will be offered the opportunity of placing their child's name on the waiting list. This does not prevent parents from exercising their right to appeal against the decision not to offer a place.

Any applications that are received after the closing date (see timetable) or applications that remain incomplete as at the closing date will be dealt with as a late application. Late applications must be submitted using a paper application form, it is not possible to make an online application after the closing date. A change of preference received by the Local Authority after the published closing date will result in the application being determined as late. Any applications or changes of preference received after the published closing date will be processed on a monthly basis following the offer date, where possible. Late applications will be processed by the LA up to the end of August after which point they will become an in-year transfer and the applicant will need to apply to their chosen school directly.

Applications Received Outside the Normal Admission Round

A school application form must be completed – this will be considered by the Governors' Admissions Committee and parents will be notified of the decision to offer or refuse a place within 15 school days or 28 calendar days (whichever is the sooner).