



St James' Catholic Primary School, Orrell

This document explains how places were allocated at the school for admission to reception class in September 2026.

Admission number (number of places available) – 45

Number of preferences received on time (by the closing date) – 114

How places were allocated

St James' Catholic Primary School, Orrell is a Voluntary Aided School.

All applications were processed using the 'equal preference' system as explained in the 'Applying for a Reception class place 2026/27 booklet'.

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school. Places offered – 0

Criterion 1. Looked after children and previously looked after children.
Places offered under this criterion – 1

Criterion 2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
Places offered under this criterion – 19

Criterion 3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the parish of St James', Orrell.
Places offered under this criterion – 12

Criterion 4. Other baptised Catholic children.
Places offered under this criterion – 1

Criterion 5. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
Places offered under this criterion – 9

Criterion 6. Children from other Christian Denominations.
Places offered under this criterion – 1

Criterion 7. Children of other faiths.
Places offered under this criterion – 0

Criterion 8. Other children.
Places offered under this criterion – 0

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Places in criterion 6 were allocated to 1 pupil living nearest to the school. The last of these places was allocated to a pupil living 0.625 miles from the school.

Applications received after the closing date of 15 January 2026 are deemed to be late and only considered after applications received on time. Changes of preferences received after the closing date are also classed as late applications.

For details of how the waiting list operates and how to appeal, please see the information sheet 'Waiting Lists and Appeals'.