FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

My family do not attend Church. Is there any point in me applying for a place for my child?

Yes. There are 60 places available. In at least the last 5 years, the 60th place has been offered to a child in the lowest oversubscription category; those children applying for 'any other reason'. There are lots of children at Llandaff City who did not attend church regularly when they applied. We welcome all applications and would love your child to be a part of our Christian community, whether or not they currently attend church. It is always worth applying.

My child attends a Church in Wales church, but not Llandaff Cathedral. Is it worth applying for a place for my child?

Yes. There are 60 places available. Whilst Llandaff Cathedral attendance is at the top of the oversubscription criteria, attendance at any Church in Wales church is high on the criteria list. In at least the last five years, every child whose attendance at another Church in Wales church meets the criteria (weekly/fortnightly for the time period in that criteria) has been offered a place. Remember that the oversubscription criteria is only used if the number of applications exceeds the number of places.

I don't go to church but my child attends with another family member. Does that matter?

No. It is the child's attendance at Church that matters for the oversubscription criteria. It doesn't matter whether the child goes with a grandparent, aunt, uncle or other adult.

We don't live in catchment for your school. Should we still apply?

Yes. The school does not have a catchment area in the same way that Local Authority schools do. Living within the Parish is higher up the oversubscription criteria than children applying for 'any other reason', but as outlined above, the cut off is often in that lowest category. Living outside the area is not a bar to applying and does not mean your child will not be offered a place. In addition, those who satisfy the church attendance criteria will be ranked higher than those who do not, even if they live outside the area.

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How long does my child have to have attended church to meet the church attendance oversubscription criteria?

For oversubscription criteria 2,3,4 and 5, the child must have attended the relevant church weekly or fortnightly for at least 2 years.
For oversubscription criteria 7,8,9 and 10, the child must have attended the relevant church weekly or fortnightly for at least 1 year.
This must be verified by your priest.
The date that applies is the closing date for applications; so one or two years up to that January.
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Our family is not of the Christian faith, but we practice another faith. Should we apply?

Yes. Please do. Our school is a Christian community, teaching values that are common to so many faiths. If the school is not oversubscribed, your child will definitely be offered a place. If oversubscribed, oversubscription criteria 12 and 13 apply to children who are of faiths that are not Christian. The cut off has often been below that category. We have a large number of children of other faiths at Llandaff City. We welcome that diversity.

We do not attend Church. My older child was offered a place. Will their sibling get in?

If the school is not oversubscribed, the sibling will definitely be offered a place. Siblings have priority in each oversubscription criteria. There is also an oversubscription criteria solely for siblings. For example – if your child attends church weekly/fortnightly for at least 2 years, and has a sibling in the school, they will be at the top of that criteria. If your child's sibling does not attend church and the school is oversubscribed, they will be ranked in criteria 6. For at least the last five years, the cut off has been well below that criteria, and all non church going siblings have been offered a place.

My child is currently in another school, but I am interested in Llandaff City. Can I apply?

Yes. You can make an in-year application. Call the office to see if there is a space available in your child's year. If there is, your child will be offered a place. If there is not, you can ask to go on the waiting list. You must fill in the application form. Those on the waiting list are ranked in the order of the oversubscription criteria. When a space becomes available it is offered to the next child in line.
We hope that these answer many of your questions. If you have any other queries or would like to talk to someone about the applications process, please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you.