

## **Non-Preference Enrolment Information for Parents Seeking Enrolment at St Ignatius Catholic Primary School**

Under The Education and Training Act (2020), St Ignatius Catholic Primary School has a maximum roll of 321 pupils at primary level, from New Entrants to Year 6.

The School can accept up to a maximum of 5% (16) non-preference children if places are available after all preference children are accepted.

### **1. State Integrated schools select preference students on the following grounds:**

- A) The agent for determining preference are the listed Agents of the Bishop, who may sign the Certificate on his Behalf:
- a) Parish Priest of their Parish of Residence
  - b) Assistant Priest of their Parish of Residence
  - c) Priests appointed under c.517/1
  - d) Deacons and lay persons appointed to pastoral care under c. 517/2
  - e) Ethnic chaplains who liaise with Parish Priests or their delegate
  - f) Local committees appointed by the Bishop or by any of the above agents of the Bishop
- B) The grounds for preference are:

#### **Criteria for Preference of Enrolment in Integrated Catholic Schools**

- 5.1 The child has been baptised or is being prepared for baptism in the Catholic Church.
- 5.2 The child's parents/guardians have already allowed one or more of its siblings to be baptised in the Catholic faith.
- 5.3 At least one parent/guardian is a Catholic, and although their child has not yet been baptised, the child's participation in the life of the school could lead to the parents having the child baptised.
- 5.4 With the agreement of the child's parent/guardian, a significant familial adult such as a grandparent, aunt or uncle who is actively involved in the child's upbringing undertakes to support the child's formation in the faith and practices of the Catholic Church.
- 5.5 One or both of a child's non-catholic parents/guardians is preparing to become a Catholic.

### **2. State Integrated Schools have places for non-preference students**

- a) This school has a maximum of 16 places
- b) There are currently 0 places available as the school is now at 100% of its maximum and no non-preference places are likely to be available in 2021 or 2022
- c) Non-Preference places criteria:
  - i. The applicants accept that they will be attending a school of special character and that their place in the school is conditional on their participating in the programme.
  - ii. The applicants accept that they will be required to pay attendance dues as set by the proprietor and these are not voluntary.
- d) Non-Preference criteria that apply to this school:
  1. The siblings of non-preference students already in the school.
  2. The children of staff or Board members who seek to enrol their children.
  3. Siblings of former non-preference students.
  4. Non-preference students coming from another integrated school with the same special character.
  5. Other children if a vacancy exists after all non-preference children have been accepted and there are no children on the Preference Waiting List.