



Admissions to Schools and Academies in the Diocese of Nottingham

Supplemental Guidance for schools for administration of applications for year of entry 2018-19

The Admissions Policies for the 2018-19 academic year include references to the following Churches:

The **Eastern Catholic** Churches are included within the over-subscription category of 'Catholic'

The **Eastern Non-Catholic Christian** Churches are included within the combined over-subscription category of 'Catechumens, Candidates and members of Eastern Non-Catholic Christian Churches'

Other Christian denominations have a separate over-subscription category.

This note provides you with a list of Churches and Ecclesial Communities for each group to be used when ranking applications and guidance on where to go for further support if required.

Eastern Catholic Churches

The Eastern Catholic Churches are autonomous Churches in full communion with the Apostolic See. They recognise the Pope as the Supreme Pastor of the Universal Church, and members of Eastern Catholics Churches are, equal to members of the Latin Church; they are therefore Catholics.

The Eastern Catholic Churches are:

Albanian (Byzantine) Catholic Church	Hungarian (Byzantine) Catholic Church
Armenian Catholic Church	Italo-Albanian (Byzantine) Catholic Church
Belarussian Catholic Church	Macedonian Catholic Church
Bulgarian (Byzantine) Catholic Church	Romanian (Greek) Catholic Church
Chaldean Catholic Church	Russian Catholic Church
Church of the Byzantines of the Diocese of Krizevci (Krizevci Catholic Church) (Byzantine Catholics in former Yugoslavia)	Ruthenian (Byzantine) Catholic Church
Coptic Catholic Church	Slovak (Greek) Catholic Church
Eritrean Catholic Church	Syrian Catholic Church
Ethiopian Catholic Church ('Gheez Rite')	Syro-Malabar Catholic Church
Georgian Catholic Church	Syro-Malankar Catholic Church
Greek (Hellenic) Catholic Church	(Syro-)Maronite Catholic Church
Greek-Melkite Catholic Church	Ukrainian (Greek) Catholic Church

Questions about which Catholic Church or parish an individual Catholic belongs to should be addressed to the Parish Priest or the NRCDES Admissions Team (see below).



Eastern Christian Churches (Non-Catholic)

Eastern Christian Churches (Non-Catholic) are those Churches from within the Eastern Christian tradition that are not in full communion with the Apostolic See. They are:

- The Orthodox Churches, which are in communion with the Patriarch of Constantinople
*This includes: Greek Orthodox Church
Russian Orthodox Church
Romanian Orthodox Church*
- The Oriental Orthodox Churches, which are in communion with the Pope of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria
*This includes: Coptic Orthodox Church
Ethiopian Orthodox Church
Eritrean Orthodox Church*
- The Assyrian Church of the East.

Questions about whether a Church is classified as Eastern Christian should be addressed to the Parish Priest or the NRCDES Admissions Team.

Other Christian Churches and Ecclesial Communities

'Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism. The essential rite of Baptism consists in immersing the candidate in water or pouring water on his or her head, while pronouncing the invocation of the Most Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1277-1278*).

Consequently, 'baptised Christian' means a person who has been baptised by three-fold immersion or the pouring of water while the minister says 'I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

Some non-Catholic churches whose Baptism is considered to be valid by the Catholic Church include:

- The Church of England and other provinces of the Anglican Communion
- Old Catholic Churches
- The Lutheran Church
- The Methodist Church
- The Presbyterian Church
- Church of the Nazarene

Questions about the validity of Baptism conferred in a non-Catholic Church or ecclesial community should be addressed to the Parish Priest or the NRCDES Admissions Team.

Further guidance and support

If a school is in any doubt over which category an application made under one of the criteria should be ranked further guidance can be obtained by contacting the NRCDES Admissions Team as below:

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