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## **MORE THAN 1,500 VACANT PLACES FOR STUDENTS**

### **CHURCH SCHOOLS ADMISSION 2021**

The Admission Regulations for Church Schools for the 2021-2022 scholastic year have been published on the website of the Archdiocese of Malta [www.church.mt](http://www.church.mt). There will be a total of 1,582 available places for students. Due to COVID-19 pandemic all applications are being accepted online. Applications for the first criteria are to be submitted between the 27<sup>th</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Applications from “Other Applicants” can be submitted between the 29<sup>th</sup> January and 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

The Church schools admission process determines admission at first-year and second-year kindergarten, first-year primary and first-year secondary. This year, St Monica School in Gzira will also be accepting students in Year 4. The list of required documents, application dates and other information is provided in the regulations which are available online.

Applications under the first criteria include children who are in Church homes, children of Church school employees, siblings of students at the same school, transfer from other schools of the same religious congregation, and students attending Church schools without continuity.

A number of places will also be allocated to children considered to be serious cases, and for which specific regulations apply. Serious cases include students who have or will require the support of an LSE, social cases and children who are seeking asylum. Serious cases follow a parallel process to the other applications.

The number of vacant places for admission into Church schools for scholastic year 2021-2022 is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Boys Vacant Places</b>	<b>Girls Vacant Places</b>	<b>Total Vacant Places</b>
Kindergarten one	73	72	145
Kindergarten two	115	383	498
Year one primary	356	224	580
Year four primary	0	24	24
Form one secondary	265	70	335
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>1,582</b>

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For the current scholastic year (2020-2021), the Secretariat for Catholic Education received 3,826 applications for 1,706 places available in different levels and schools. Once again, the demand for Church schools saw more than twice as many applications as places available. Due to the restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, ballots and school registrations were carried out online.