

# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School



## Supplementary Application Form

Please complete this form and return to the Admissions Committee at St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School, Nelson Road Whitton, TW2 7BB.

Please ask a priest to whom you are known to complete the separate priest's reference form. The information given by you will be confidential to those directly involved with admission arrangements and will not be disclosed to anyone else.

Please refer to the school's Admissions Policy for definitions of terms (e.g. other children in family) and information about other documents that may be necessary to support your application (e.g. evidence of exceptional social, medical or pastoral need). If you do not have a copy, please ask for one. You may invalidate your application if you do not complete the form with reference to the Admissions Policy.

Any questions about the school's Admission Policy should be addressed in writing to: 'The Admissions Committee', St. Edmund's School, Nelson Road, Whitton, TW2 7BB.

Please ensure that when submitting the completed supplementary form you include

- The completed Priest's Reference Form
- Copy of Baptism/Reception into the Church Certificate
- Any other documents necessary to support your application

You need not include a Priest's Reference Form or Baptism Certificate if you do not want your application to be considered within categories 1 to 3 of the oversubscription criteria. If you have not included a copy of Baptism/Reception into the Church Certificate because of exceptional circumstances but wish your application to be considered as within categories 1 to 3, please explain the circumstances.

The Governors reserve the right to seek verification for information provided in this form. Providing false information may lead to the application being refused.

**Please note – for your application to be valid, you must also complete and return a Common Application Form (CAF) to the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.**

*(Applies to applications for Reception places made for 2007/2008 before 9 April 2007.)*

Applications made without a CAF (i.e. outside the co-ordinated arrangements) will require proof of address and other information (e.g. documents to support a claim of medical need) normally supplied with the CAF.

## Section A - To be completed by parent/guardian

Full Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

(NB: This is the address to which correspondence will be sent)

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this child been baptised / received into a Catholic Church? Yes / No *(Please delete as applicable)*

Has this child been baptised / received into an Eastern Christian Church? Yes / No *(Please delete as applicable)*

**Other Children in Family currently attending St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School**

Full Name	Date of Birth	School Year

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If either parent/guardian is a Catechumen, please attach a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens to this application.

Any significant pastoral or other need that can be met by the school please state or information supporting an application for a reception place for a child that was not born between 1 September 2002 and 31 August 2003. *(Note information supporting a social or medical need should be included with the Common Application Form.)*

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I declare the information given above is accurate

Signed ..... Date: .....

(Parent/Guardian)

## Diocesan Priests' Reference Form: Guidance Notes for Parents

### INTRODUCTION

Responsibility for the admission of pupils to Catholic maintained schools rests with the governing body of each school. The governing body determines and publishes an admissions policy each year, which is included in the school prospectus. Where there are more applications than places available, the policy must state how the places are to be allocated. **Parents should read the admissions policy carefully.** It will vary from school to school, and from year to year.

The bishops expect all Catholic schools to give first priority to Catholic applicants. Catholic schools exist to assist parents in handing on the Catholic faith to their children. So where there are insufficient places in an area for all Catholics, governing bodies may decide to give priority to children from practising Catholic families. Where schools do so, they should use, as evidence of practice, the priest's reference supplied with these notes (**Part B**). Please note, however, that **a supportive reference from a priest is no guarantee of a place in any particular school.**

This reference form is intended to give all priests a framework in which they can let schools know whether an applicant for a place at a Catholic school is from a practising Catholic family.

Where a school is over-subscribed with Catholic applicants, all of whom have provided evidence of Catholic practice, the governing body will apply other criteria such as proximity to the school, or whether there is an older sister or brother attending the school at the same time. These factors are likely to be crucial in deciding how places are to be allocated. These points will be explained in detail in the school prospectus.

### HOW IT WORKS

1. Fill in the two pages marked **PART A: YOUR SELF-ASSESSMENT** following carefully the notes below (you also fill in the first part of the page marked **PART B. PRIEST'S REFERENCE**). You may need to fill in more than one **Part B** if you are making application to more than one Catholic school.
2. Give both Part A and Part B of the form to the appropriate priest (see below). Part B will be completed by the priest and returned to you for you to include with your application to the school. The priest will fill in extra copies of **Part B** if necessary. He will **keep** Part A for reference but **it will not be supplied to the school.**
3. Get your Parish Priest to countersign the form if necessary (see below), then return the form to the School. It is your responsibility to make sure each school which requires one receives a **Part B**.

### **Which Priest should complete the form?**

The reference should be given by the appropriate priest, who is normally either:

- your own Parish Priest (i.e. the Parish Priest of the Parish in which you **live**); or
- the Parish Priest of the Parish where you worship regularly (if different).

If you worship at a church which does not have a Parish Priest, then the priest who is the equivalent of a Parish Priest is the appropriate priest (e.g. Administrator, Ethnic Chaplain etc.). **If your Parish Priest is not giving the reference, he must sign the form as well.** If the priest giving the reference is not one of the priests described above, an explanation will be required.

### HOW TO FILL IN THE FORMS

**PART A: YOUR SELF-ASSESSMENT** requires you to consider your responsibilities. It will be used by the priest when he completes Part B. All the questions are designed to help the priest give you the most accurate reference possible in the circumstances. So it is important that you give him as much relevant information as you can. Please answer all the questions as fully as possible, filling in the forms clearly in capital letters and in black ink.

1	<b>Name of Father and Mother.</b> Throughout this form we have used the terms 'Mother', 'Father' and 'Parent' to include all persons who legally have <b>parental responsibility</b> for the child. Please enter the details of each person who has parental responsibility, and if any of them is not the child's mother or father, please state clearly for each the relationship with the child. There may be more than two people with parental responsibility. If so please give details on a separate sheet.
2	<b>Address of Father and Mother.</b> Please give the address of the family home. If the parents do not live together, give both parents' addresses.
3	<b>Parish of Residence.</b> This is the Parish in which each parent normally <b>lives</b> . Please give the geographical name of the parish (e.g. Brixton). If the parents do not live together, give both parishes of residence (if different).
4	<b>Are you a Catholic?</b> You are a Catholic if you have been baptised into the Catholic Church (or have been received into it after being baptised in another Christian church).

5	<b>Which church do you normally attend?</b> Some people regularly attend a church other than their Parish Church. If you often attend more than one church, please give as much detail as you can here. Always give both the title of the church (e.g. St Joseph's) <b>and</b> the geographical parish (e.g. Chigwell).
6	<b>How often do you normally worship at Mass?</b> Please circle which statement you feel best describes your attendance as a family: weekly, fortnightly or monthly. If you do not think any of these statements accurately describes your attendance, please circle 'other' and describe your practice in your own words.
7	<b>For how long has this been your practice?</b> Please indicate how long you have been practising at the level described in the previous question. Please give the answer in years or months. If this is a relatively short time, you may wish to give the priest further information about your practice before then to assist his assessment.
8	<b>If you do not go to Mass regularly</b> , it will be helpful for the priest to know why. It is therefore helpful if you give reasons in the space provided. Please also give any other details which you think may help the priest decide whether you are a practising Catholic family or whether there are exceptional pastoral circumstances.
9/10	Please give the <b>child's</b> name and date of birth.
11	<b>Child's Normal Address.</b> State the address where the child lives. If only one address is given at <b>question 2</b> , you may simply refer to question 2. If the child lives at more than one address, please give both and give full details of the arrangements.
12	<b>Baptism.</b> Fill in the date and place of <b>baptism</b> . If the child was not baptised in the Catholic Church, you must also give the date and place of <b>reception</b> into full communion with the Catholic Church.
13	<b>First Holy Communion.</b> If appropriate, fill in the date and place of the child's First Holy Communion (if received). For primary school children this question is unlikely to be relevant and can be ignored.
14	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation.</b> If appropriate, fill in the months or year and the place of child's preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (sometimes called "First Confession"). For primary school children this question is unlikely to be relevant and can be ignored.
15	Please let the priest know if you or your child participate in or contribute to parish and other church activities, or have done so in the past (whether in his parish or other parishes). This will help the priest build up his picture of you and your family's practice.
16	It may help the priest to understand if there are any particular reasons why you wish your child to attend a Catholic school.

### Your Declaration

Unless there is a good reason, each parent should sign and date the form. This is to affirm that the contents of the form are true, and that you understand and accept that:

- the information you have given will remain confidential to the priest and will not be shared with the school, and
- the information will not be used in any way except for purposes connected with your pastoral care within the Catholic Church.

**Warning:** making a false statement in order to gain entry to a school is both immoral and illegal, as it might deprive another child of a place which is rightfully his or hers. **Making a false statement is a good reason for a school to withdraw any place which has been offered and could leave you without a school place.**

**PART B: PRIEST'S REFERENCE** identifies your child and allows the priest to confirm whether you are a practising Catholic family. This judgment will be based on your Mass attendance. In very exceptional circumstances, Part B also allows the priest an opportunity to let the school know about particular pastoral circumstances which may affect an application. In these cases the **school** and not the priest will make a judgment whether such circumstances will have any effect on your application. The school's decision will be based on its published criteria.

17/20	<b>Child's Name and your Names.</b> You need to give the child's name and your names again. This is because the school will only see this part of the form.
19/20	<b>Child's Address.</b> As before, if the child lives at more than one address, please give both and give full details of the arrangements

**PART A: YOUR SELF-ASSESSMENT (CONFIDENTIAL TO THE PRIEST)**

**\*IMPORTANT: READ THE GUIDANCE NOTES BEFORE FILLING IN THIS FORM\***

**Information about your Family**

		Father of Child	Mother of Child
<b>1</b>	Name:		
<b>2</b>	Address: <i>(give both addresses if different)</i>  Telephone:		
<b>3</b>	Parish of <b>Residence</b> : <i>(give both parishes if different)</i>		
<b>4</b>	Are you a Catholic?	Yes/No	Yes/No
<b>5</b>	At which church do you normally worship?		
<b>6</b>	How <b>often</b> do you normally worship at Mass?	weekly / fortnightly / monthly / other:	weekly / fortnightly / monthly / other:
<b>7</b>	For <b>how long</b> has this been your practice?	_____ years / months	_____ years / months
<b>8</b>	If you do not worship at Mass regularly, or you have only recently started to do so, please give any reasons below. Please also give any other details which you think may be relevant or useful.		

*Continued Overleaf...*

**Information about your Child**

<b>9</b>	Child's Name:
<b>10</b>	Child's Date of Birth:
<b>11</b>	Child's Normal Address: <i>(if different from Q.2)</i>
<b>12</b>	My/our child was <b>baptised</b> : on _____(date) at _____(place)
<b>13</b>	(If appropriate) my/our child received <b>First Holy Communion</b> : on _____(date) at _____(place)
<b>14</b>	(If appropriate) my/our child was prepared for the <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> (First Confession) in _____(month(s)/year) at _____(place)
<b>15</b>	If you or your child participate in or contribute to parish activities, please indicate below.
<b>16</b>	Why do you wish your child to attend a Catholic school?

**Parents' Declaration**

I/we declare that the information given on this Form is true. I/we understand and accept that the information given on this sheet remains confidential and will not be shared with the school, or used in any way except for purposes connected with my/our pastoral care within the Catholic Church.

Signature of Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Father \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PART B: PRIEST'S REFERENCE (TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL)

*To be completed by the parents:*

<b>17</b>	Name of Child:	
<b>18</b>	Name of Parent(s):	
<b>19</b>	Home Address:	
		Post code
<b>20</b>	Telephone:	

*To be completed by the priest giving the reference:*

<b>21</b>	The parents are known to me:	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>22</b>	The child is known to me:	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>23</b>	The child is a member of a practising Catholic family:	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>24</b>	I support this application:	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>25</b>	<i>If the answers to Q23 and Q24 are not the same, and you think there are exceptional circumstances to explain this, please give your reasons below:</i>		

### **Declaration**

I have read and understood the *Guidance Notes for Parish Priests on Admission to Catholic Schools* and I confirm that, on the basis described in that guidance, the above statements about the child named above and his or her family's practice are true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Priest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Seal

*(to be applied **over** the priest's signature)*

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**Parish Priest's Countersignature** (only where the Parish Priest is not giving the reference):

I confirm that the child is **resident** in my parish.