

Application form that is required if applying for a Church of England Place



**CHURCH PLACE INFORMATION
FORM**



Full Name of Child		Christian Name(s)	Surname	M/F	Date of Birth
Address			Telephone No		No of Years at this address
Post Code					
Name of Parent(s) or other legal guardians					Date for which application is made
Names of brothers or sisters attending this school - at present - in the past					Class
Number of younger brothers /sisters					
Primary school or present secondary school attended					
Church attended					
How long has your family attended this church?					
Name of Priest of Minister					
On how many Sundays in the year are services held in the Church you attend?		What is your denomination? (please tick)			
How many of these services does your family normally attend		<input type="checkbox"/> Church of England <input type="checkbox"/> Baptist <input type="checkbox"/> Methodist <input type="checkbox"/> United Reform <input type="checkbox"/> Other.....			
Information relating to your child:					
Has your child been baptized or dedicated? Please give details of the year and church.					
Church..... Year.....					

Family Involvement with the Church

Identification of your involvement with the Church. Please tick one of the appropriate definitions

1. At the heart of the Church

[A regular worshipper. At least twice a month (including weekdays). The worshipper could be the child for whom application is made, or one or both parents.]

2. Attached to the Church

[A regular but not frequent worshipper (eg once monthly at family service or Church parade) or is regularly involved in a weekday church activity including an element of worship.]

3. Known to the Church

[Not a frequent worshipper but attend occasionally, eg Christmas, Easter, Harvest Festival. Perhaps known to the Church through a family connection or where one or more of the family are involved in some church activity, such as uniformed or other church organization]

Please add any comments which you wish to be considered:

Signature of Parent/Guardian.....Date.....

Clergy Reference:

How many years have you been responsible for the church usually attended by the applicants?

How many years have the applicants been attending church since your appointment?

Please indicate **YES** in the box which most closely describes your level of support. (And **NO** in the other two boxes):

- 1. This applicant is at the heart of the church and I unreservedly recommend a church place
- 2. I fully support this application and can vouch that this applicant is attached to the church
- 3. I confirm that this applicant is known to the church and I support the application

Clergy comments:

Signature of Priest/Minister.....Date.....

Supplementary Information Form for Roman Catholic Primary Schools in Herefordshire

Child's Surname	
Child's First Name(s)	
Date of birth	
Date for which application is made.	
Address	
Contact Number	

Please tick the appropriate box:

Is the above named child a Baptised Catholic or been Received into the Catholic Church?	Yes		No	
Is the certificate of Catholic Baptism/ Reception attached?	Yes		No	

Parents Signature _____ Date _____

A certificate of Catholic Baptism/Reception should be provided in order for the application to be considered in a Catholic category. Failure to provide evidence of Catholic Baptism/Reception may affect the criterion the child's name is placed in.

Please note that you must complete a local authority application form. This supplementary information form is only for school use to enable the governing body to rank applicants using the published criteria.

DEFINITION OF A "BAPTISED CATHOLIC"

A "Baptised Catholic" is one who:

- Has been baptised into full communion (Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 837*) with the Catholic Church by the Rites of Baptism of one of the various ritual Churches in communion with the See of Rome (i.e. Latin Rite, Byzantine Rite, Coptic, Syriac, etc, Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1203*). Written evidence* of this baptism can be obtained by recourse to the Baptismal Registers of the church in which the baptism took place (Cf. *Code of Canon Law, 877 & 878*).

Or

- Has been validly baptised in a separated ecclesial community and subsequently received into full communion with the Catholic Church by the *Right of Reception of Baptised Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church*. Written evidence of their baptism and reception into full communion with the Catholic Church can be obtained by recourse to the Register of Receptions, or in some cases, a sub-section of the Baptismal Registers of the church in which the *Rite of Reception* took place (Cf. *Rite of Christian Initiation, 399*).

WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF BAPTISM

The Governing body will require written evidence in the form of a Certificate of Baptism or Certificate of Reception before applications for school places can be considered for categories of "Baptised Catholics". A Certificate of Baptism or Reception is to include: the full name, date of birth, date of Baptism or Reception, and parent(s) name(s). The certificate must also show that it is copied from the records kept by the place of Baptism or Reception.

Those who would have difficulty obtaining written evidence of Catholic Baptism/Reception for a good reason, may still be considered as Baptised Catholics but only after they have been referred to their parish priest who, after consulting the Vicar General, will decide how the question of Baptism/Reception is to be resolved and how written evidence is to be produced in accordance with the law of the Church.

Those who would be considered to have good reason for not obtaining written evidence would include those who cannot contact the place of Baptism/Reception due to persecution or fear, the destruction of the church and the original records, or where Baptism/Reception was administered validly but not in the Parish church where records are kept.

Governors may request extra supporting evidence when the written documents that are produced do not clarify the fact that a person was baptised or received into the Catholic Church, (i.e. where the name and address of the Church is not on the certificate or where the name of the Church does not state whether it is a Catholic Church or not.)