



HARRIS SCHOOL



Christian Minister's Reference in support of an application for a Faith Place at Harris School

Name of Child:

Date of birth of child/...../.....

How long has the child/family been known to your Church/place of worship:

Over 2 years

(please tick only one)

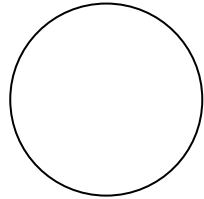
Less than 2 years

EITHER

I can confirm that the child named above is at the heart of this Christian Church (definition overleaf).

Name of Minister:
(please print)

Church Stamp:
(please stamp here)



Signature

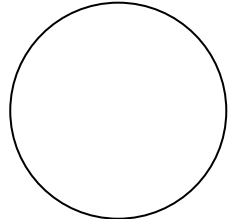
Name of Christian Church Date

OR

I can confirm that the child named above is attached to this Christian Church (definition overleaf).

Name of Minister/Church Leader
(please print)

Church Stamp:
(please stamp here)



Signature

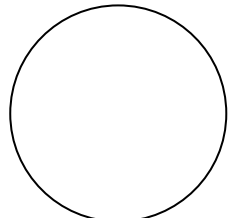
Name of place of worship Date

OR

I can confirm that the child named above is known to this Christian Church (definition overleaf).

Name of Minister/Church Leader
(please print)

Church Stamp:
(please stamp here)



Signature

Name of place of worship Date

This form is only required if your application is for a Faith place under the school's admission policy. It should be returned at the same time as the Local Authority's Common Application Form directly to the Admissions Service at the Local Authority address given, and by the date published in the Local Authority Booklet, to be considered as an "on time" application.

Parent's Signature

Date

ADMISSIONS NOTES

1. In line with the advice from the National Society, a child is “at the heart of the Church” if they are, or one of their parents is, a regular worshipper, who worships twice a month. To accommodate difficult patterns of work and family relationships, account will be taken equally of attendance at weekday and Sunday acts of worship. (For clarification of ‘parent’ see note 8 below). The qualifying period for being “at the heart of the Church” is a minimum of two years. Only a signed Christian Minister’s/Lay Reader’s Reference form (preferred) or letter will be accepted as evidence in order for the applicant to be offered a place under priority criteria 2 and 3.
2. In line with the advice from The National Society, a child is “attached to the Church” if they are, or one of their parents is, a regular but not frequent worshipper, who worships once a month at either a weekday or Sunday act of worship or attends a church activity (such as a Church Parade Service) which includes an element of worship. (For clarification of ‘parent’ see note 8 below). The qualifying period for being “attached to the Church” is two years. Only a signed Christian Minister’s/Lay Reader’s Reference form (preferred) or letter will be accepted as evidence in order for the applicant to be offered a place under priority criteria 4 and 5.
3. In line with the advice from The National Society, a child is “known to the Church” if they are, or one of their parents is, an occasional worshipper, who worships more than twice a year at either a weekday or Sunday act of worship or attends a church activity (such as a Church Parade Service) which includes an element of worship. (For clarification of ‘parent’ see note 8 below). The qualifying period for being “known to the Church” is two years. Only a signed Christian Minister’s/Lay Reader’s Reference form (preferred) or letter will be accepted as evidence in order for the applicant to be offered a place under priority criteria 6 and 7.
4. Priority within each criterion is given in order of straight line distance between the centre of the child’s home and the centre point (centroid) of the school. (All measurements are subject to pre-positional accuracy changes). Priority will go to those living nearest to the school. This applies equally to those living inside and outside the County boundary.
5. Sibling is defined as brother or sister (including half brother or half sister, adopted, step brother or step sister) living at the same home address as the child applying for the place. A sibling connection will not be accepted if the original place was obtained by using fraudulent or false information. Where the final place in the year group is offered to one of twins or triplets etc., the parent(s) will have to decide which child, if any, takes up that final place.
6. Home address is defined as where a child normally resides/sleeps when attending school. Addresses involved in child minding arrangements (professional or with relatives) are excluded. Rented accommodation will not be considered as a home address unless there is clear evidence that the family have moved into the property. If a place is offered on the basis of an address, which is subsequently found to be different from the child’s normal home address, that offer is likely to be withdrawn.
7. Where a child lives with two parents in separate addresses, the qualifying address will be that where the child spends (i.e. sleeps) the majority of the school week. If the child spends exactly equal amounts of time in the two addresses the parents themselves will need to nominate which address they wish to be the child’s main address for school admission purposes.
8. The definition of ‘Parent’ denotes any person with parental responsibility for the child concerned.
9. The definition of a Christian Church is any that is part of, or affiliated to, the Church of England, Roman Catholic Church, Evangelical Alliance, Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches, or other nationally recognised Christian bodies.