

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Poole

Exceptional Social or Medical Need Supplementary Information Form 2024-25

To be completed only where an applicant is seeking priority on the grounds of exceptional need.

Applicants who wish to have an Exceptional Social or Medical Need considered with their application must submit independent professional evidence which explains clearly why it is essential to attend this school and no other school.

Please complete and return this form by **15 January 2024** or as soon as possible for normal round admissions.

You must also complete a LA Common Application Form

(eg, for BCP Council area resident, at [Parent Portal: Home \(servelec-synergy.com\)](http://parentportal.home.servelec-synergy.com))

Please complete and return this form to the school as soon as possible for in-year admissions.

You must also complete a BCP Council Common Application Form

(for all applicants at [Parent Portal: Home \(servelec-synergy.com\)](http://parentportal.home.servelec-synergy.com))

Please read the school admissions policy, including definitions, before completing this form. This is published on the school website and at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>.

PART A – to be completed by the applicant	
Full name of child	
Date of Birth	
School you are applying for	St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Poole
Please tick the box below if you believe there is an exceptional social or medical need for your child to attend this school.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion 2 Priority will next be given to children based on their exceptional medical or social needs¹ or those of their parents.²
Exceptional social or medical need: We give higher priority for children where there is an exceptional need to attend this school and not another school. The need must be specific to this school: a child may have very challenging circumstances that require additional support but if that support could also be provided at another school, there would be no exceptional need to attend this school. All applicants must complete an application form. ³ In order to seek priority on this basis, applicants must also complete this Supplementary Information Form for Exceptional Need to request admissions priority. The exceptional need could be due to the child's or to the parent's circumstances. It could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A serious medical condition, which can be supported by medical evidence;• Significant caring responsibilities, which can be supported by a social worker;• Where the child or one or both parents have a disability that would make travel to any other school more difficult. These examples are not meant to be exhaustive or exclusive. Neither should it be assumed that similar circumstances would impact on different children and families in the same way. The responsibility lies with applicants to submit supporting evidence and to provide further evidence if requested to do so. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• applicants must provide supporting evidence from a doctor or other relevant professional, together with any	

¹ To request this priority, the application must be accompanied by this completed Supplementary Information Form for Exceptional Need which will include evidence, from a medical specialist or social worker of the need and why the child must attend this school rather than any other, based on those needs. If evidence is not submitted with the application, exceptional need cannot be considered.

² A parent is any person who has parental responsibility or care of the child. When we say parent, we also mean carer or guardian. Applications do not require both parents to agree on the preference for school.

³ Parents who apply using a common application form from another LA without a tick box for exceptional need should put a note in the reasons for their preference that they are requesting exceptional need priority and provide the required supporting evidence using this Supplementary Information Form.

other relevant information;

- evidence must make a compelling case why the need that has been identified can only be met here and the anticipated difficulties that would arise if the child had to attend another school;
- having a particular medical condition or social vulnerability will not automatically result in a place here;
- it is not essential for the person providing the evidence to name our school or to have detailed and specific knowledge of the school, but the evidence should explain exactly what the child's needs are and what specialist support and facilities are required;
- evidence should be submitted in reasonable time for it to be considered before reaching a decision and for the application to be ranked against our oversubscription criteria as necessary.

Each case will be considered on its own merits but exceptional need for admission will not be accepted on the grounds that:

- a child may be separated from a friendship group;
- preference to avoid a child from the current or previous setting;
- child-care arrangements before or after school would have to be changed;
- transport arrangements would have to be changed;
- there is a medical condition such as asthma that doesn't require specialised treatment;
- the child has an interest or ability in a subject or activity.

We may seek our own advice to establish whether this is the only school that could meet a child's needs.

If we accept that the child would experience a significant detriment by not being able to attend this school, we will agree that there is an exceptional need to attend this school. The application will be prioritised. This does not guarantee that a place will be available.

Where we do not agree that the need is exceptional, the application will be prioritised according to other oversubscription criteria.

Supporting evidence attached

Yes / No

Nature of the supporting evidence you are submitting:

[Redacted area]

Name(s) and organisation(s) of the professional(s) providing supporting evidence

Privacy and Data Protection:

Your personal data is being used by the School and BCP Council for the purposes of an application for admission to school. We undertake to ensure your personal data will only be used in accordance with our privacy notice. Please confirm that you give your consent to the School and LA using your personal data as outlined in our privacy notice, by signing below. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. If you wish to exercise any of your rights under the General Data Protection Regulation, please contact BCP Council's Data Protection Officer. For more information about Data Protection, please contact the School or visit <https://www.bpcouncil.gov.uk/Privacy/Privacy-notice.aspx>

I confirm that I have submitted a LA Common Application Form.

Applicant's name		Date	
Please sign here			

Please scan and email this form or return this form to:
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Devon Road, Poole, Dorset BH15 3QQ