

St. Joseph & St. Bede R.C. Primary School, Bury.



Supplementary Application Form 2026/27

If you are expressing a preference for a place for your child at St. Joseph & St. Bede in Bury and wish to apply under a faith criterion, you should complete this Supplementary Information Form.

· The completed Supplementary Information Form, together with all supporting documentation (see Notes below), should be returned to the school office at the academy by the closing date insert 15 January 2027 for a primary school.

· If you are applying to more than one Catholic school or academy you will need to complete a separate Supplementary Information Form for each school/academy.

· If you do not provide the information required in this form and return it to the school/academy, with all supporting documentation, by the closing date, your child may not be placed in the appropriate faith category, and this may affect your child's chance of being offered a place.

· Remember – you must also complete the Common Application Form.

Surname of child:		
First names:		
Date of Birth:		
Address:		
Postcode:		
Religious Status of child	Tick Box	Evidence: insert details in accordance with the Notes below
1. Catholic	☐	
2. Catechumen	☐	
3. Member of an Eastern Christian Church	☐	
4. Member of other Christian denomination	☐	
5. Member of other faith	☐	
Date of Baptism:		
Church where baptised:		
Name of the Catholic parish in which your child lives:		

You must provide the school with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate during the application process.

For office use only: Certificate seen by:	
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1. 'Catechumen' means a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens.
2. 'Eastern Christian Church' includes Orthodox Churches and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.
3. "Children of other Christian denominations" means children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledge God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above.
4. All members of Churches Together in England and CYTŪN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis.
5. "Children of other faiths" means children who are members of a religious community that does not fall within the definition of 'other Christian denominations' at 6 above and which falls within the definition of a religion for the purposes of charity law. The Charities Act 2011 defines religion to include:
 - a. A religion which involves belief in more than one God, and
 - b. A religion which does not involve belief in a God.
6. Case law has identified certain characteristics which describe the meaning of religion for the purposes of charity law, which are characterised by a belief in a supreme being and an expression of belief in that supreme being through worship.
7. 'Brother or sister' includes:
8. all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
9. the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same home address as the child who is the subject of the application.
10. A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
11. To demonstrate an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can be most appropriately met at this school, the governing body will require compelling written evidence from an appropriate professional, such as a social worker, doctor or priest.
12. For the purposes of this policy, parish boundaries are set by the Diocese and will be applied to the admission arrangements for **this policy**.
13. A child's "home address" refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form ("CAF"). Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.