



**St. Mary's CE (VA) Primary School  
Application Form for Nursery Admissions – September 2021**

**Name of Child:**

Surname: .....

Christian or first names:.....

Date of Birth: .....

Boy

Girl

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: .....

Home Telephone.....

Mobile..... Email .....

**Is the Child a Looked After or Previously Looked After Child?      Yes/No**

**Please list the name(s) of any older brother(s) or sister(s) who will still be attending the school at the date of admission of the younger child:**

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**Tick this box if you wish to apply for a place without the use of faith criteria**

Signed: ..... Parent / Guardian

Printed name: .....

Date:.....

**Please pass this form to your vicar/priest/minister/designated church officer/faith leader who will certify the following information:**

**Worship Attendance:**

Did you attend public worship at the above church at least 18 times in the qualifying attendance period that is 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 with one attendance per week counting to qualifying attendance? Or agreed pro-rata thereof due to church closure (equating to 35% of available weeks for worship – rounded down to the nearest whole number). **Yes/No**

Your vicar/priest/minister/designated church officer/faith leader will be contacted in order to confirm this information.

**Place of Worship Where One of the Parents/Guardians Regularly Worship:**

- St. Mary's, Prestwich
- St. Gabriel's, Sedgley Park  Please tick one box
- St. George's, Prestwich
- St. Margaret's, Prestwich
- Other Church that is a member of Churches Together in England

**For applicants who worship at a Church that is a member of Churches Together in England:**

Name of the Church: .....

Name of vicar/priest/minister/designated church officer/faith leader:

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Church Address: .....

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Post Code: .....

Telephone: .....

Name of Child: .....

Name of Parent/Guardian: .....

I confirm that the parent/guardian of the child named above has attended public worship at Church at least 18 times in the qualifying attendance period of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Or agreed pro-rata thereof due to church closure (equating to 35% of available weeks for worship – rounded down to the nearest whole number). Only one attendance per week has been counted to the qualifying attendance. Please attach the confirmed dates of attendance.

Signed: .....

Vicar/priest/minister/designated church officer/faith leader

Print Name:

Date:

## **Supplementary information – updated September 2020**

Diocesan and national advice is that children applying to a Church of England School to enter in September 2021 should not have their attendance at church services recorded post 17 March 2020 until restrictions imposed by Covid-19 have passed **and** there is unrestricted and open access to all for public worship, that is, until it is **without any restriction on numbers attending**.

**The total number of attendances required for category 3 applications to St Mary's for September 2021 will be based upon 35% of the total number of weeks that St Mary's Church was fully open for public worship within the calendar year of 2020 (rounded down to the nearest whole number), as per the amended admissions policy published on the school website (September 2020).**

## **IS IT APPROPRIATE TO RECORD ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN APPLYING TO A CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2021?**

**(New FAQ – 8 September 2020)**

No. Nigel Genders, Chief Education Officer of the Church of England, in consultation with the DfE and Office of Schools' Adjudicator (OSA) along with all Diocesan Directors of Education have issued advice that attendance at church worship should not be recorded until after Covid 19 restrictions have fully ceased. This is because we are not yet in a position where all churches can open fully for worship. Restricted seating measures are often in place in order to make churches Covid secure, hence technically churches are not fully open for worship.

Diocesan and national advice remains that children applying to a Church of England School to enter in September 2021 should not have their attendance at church services recorded post 17 March 2020 until restrictions imposed by Covid-19 have passed and there is unrestricted and open access to all for public worship, that is, until it is without any restrictions on numbers attending.