

THE GREY COAT HOSPITAL WESTMINSTER

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Dear Clergy referee

Re: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a form for the clergy reference for a young member of your congregation who is applying for a place at The Grey Coat Hospital. I would be most grateful if you would fill in the form and return it to the school by Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 2023. Please note that the clergy reference should not be from someone directly related to the child (e.g. parent or grandparent). Please note that the reference process is generally confidentiality but may need to be disclosed as part of the appeals process should the application for a Church place be unsuccessful.

The Grey Coat Hospital is very oversubscribed, with over 900 applicants for 167 places. The Governors' admission criteria rely on accurate information rather than a subjective recommendation. It is most important that you answer all of the questions on this reference form, as it may directly affect the likelihood of admission. They are mandatory requirements to be considered for application to this school. Omissions will render the possible loss of an offer of a place to the applicant. Please add notes to the form if necessary to provide further clarification of attendance or call the school if you need help.

The admissions criteria distinguish between Church of England applicants and those who are full members of churches that belong to Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or the Evangelical Alliance. Please state clearly inside whether your church belongs to the above organisations, and please supply evidence of membership. The Governors' admissions policy which clarifies the nature of the school and the admissions criteria for Church places can be found on the school website - <a href="https://www.gch.org.uk/">https://www.gch.org.uk/</a>.

Thank you very much for your help.

Yours sincerely,

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Susanne Staab Headteacher

## **Clergy Form**

NB: The clergy referee should not be directly related to the child (e.g. Parent or Grandparent).

#### Please use BLOCK CAPITALS and answer ALL questions

Name of Church	
Denomination of Churcl	h
Name of Minister	
Full Address of Church	
	Postcode
Telephone number	

#### PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR THE 'OTHER CHURCH' CATEGORY

Is this church a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI)? YES / NO

Is this church a member of The Evangelical Alliance? YES / NO

Evangelical Alliance Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mandatory

Please provide evidence of membership, e.g. the Evangelical Alliance membership number of your Church or the affiliation to the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) of your Church, as any doubt about membership may prevent a child from being offered a place at the school.

## Please answer all questions to the best of your ability

### Please only refer to ONE parent /guardian

Name of child:								
Date of birth:								
Name of Parent / Guardian:								
How long have you known this family personally?	? years							
Please answer <u>all questions,</u> as this information criteria.	n is vital in a	applying ou	r admission					
If you have not been in the parish yourself sir other established members of your church cor			e, please ask					
<u>Parent</u>								
Please circle to whom you are referring:	Mother	Father	Guardian					
1. Is the parent or guardian a communicant member	er of your ch	urch? YES	6 / NO					
2. Please state whether s/he attends	weekly							
weekly is 30 weeks or more per year i.e. <b>usually</b> weekly with allowance for holidays, illness and other reasons. However, due to pandemic restrictions the weekly attendance has been revised to 20 weeks <u>only</u> over this period.								
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How long has s/he been attending at this freque	ency?							
	At least 5 y	ears						
	Under 5 ye	ars but at lea	st 2 years					
	Under 2 ye	ars						
3. Is the parent or guardian on the electoral roll o	r other memb	pership roll?	YES / NO					
If there is no electoral roll or other membership roll, p	lease tick here	e						

Please turn over →

# <u>Child</u>

1. Is the child above known to you as a member of your church?       YES / NO         2. Is there a Sunday school at your church?       YES / NO         If there is a Sunday school, does she attend Sunday school? *       YES / NO         * including other activities in Church taking place during the Church service       YES / NO         3. Please state whether she attends       weekly											
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Thank you for your assistance. Please return the completed form by Friday 10th November 2023