Exceptional Social or Medical Need for Admission Supplementary Information Form 2022-23

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 (oversubscription criterion 2) are expected to submit independent professional evidence which explains clearly why it is essential to attend this school and no other school.

For normal round entry.	For In-Year admission into any Year Group.
An application may be considered as late if evidence is submitted after the National Closing Date. **Applicants must also complete a LA Common Application Form** For Devon residents, this can be found at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or by calling 0345 155 1019 for a paper version	There is no closing date; evidence should be submitted with the application. **Applicants must also complete the Devon Common Application Form** This is for all applicants and can be found at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or by calling 0345 155 1019 for a paper version, D-CAF

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	Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Barnstaple
Please tick the box below if you believe there is an exceptional social or medical need for your child to attend this school.	
☐ Criterion 2	**Priority will next be given to children based on their exceptional medical or social needs[1] 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.	

[1] To request this priority, the application must be accompanied by a 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.

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:

- 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 has 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.

- applicants must provide supporting evidence from a doctor or other relevant professional, together with any 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:	

[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.

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 Devon County 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 which can be accessed at https://new.devon.gov.uk/privacy/privacy-notices/ Please confirm that you give your consent to the School and Council using your personal data as outlined in our privacy notice, by signing below. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. Should you wish to withdraw consent, please contact Council's Admissions Team at admissions@devon.gov.uk or 0345 155 1019. If you wish to exercise any of your rights under the General Data Protection Regulation, please contact the Council's Data Protection Officer at 01392 383000 or at accesstoinformationsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk. For more information about data protection, visit https://new.devon.gov.uk/accesstoinformation/data-protection or contact the school. I confirm that I have submitted a Local Authority Common Application Form.

Applicant's name		Date	
Please sign here			
Contact Telephone & Email			

Please return this form to: The school or The School Admissions Team, Room L60, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QG admissions@devon.gov.uk