



# THE GREY COAT HOSPITAL

WESTMINSTER

*Head Teacher Siân Maddrell*

Date as received

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 as soon as possible and at the latest by the closing date of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016. Please note that the clergy referee should NOT be directly related to the child (e.g. parent or grandparent).

Clergy who are new to London may not be aware of the extent to which Church schools are over-subscribed, and how much depends on a clergy reference. The Grey Coat Hospital, for example, regularly has over 1000 applicants for 151 places. The Governors' admission criteria rely on accurate information rather than a subjective recommendation. Serious injustice could be done inadvertently, if there are inaccuracies in a reference. Please ensure that the form is completed as fully as possible, and returned on time.

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 one of 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 [www.gch.org.uk](http://www.gch.org.uk).

Thank you very much for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Siân Maddrell  
*Head Teacher*

# Clergy Form 2017/2018

**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 Church** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Minister** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Address of Church** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postcode** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone number** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 turn over →

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS and answer ALL questions

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 all questions as this information is vital in applying our admission criteria.**

**If you have not been in the parish yourself since the child first came, please ask other established members of your church community to help you.**

Parent

**Please circle to whom you are referring:**

**Mother**

**Father**

**Guardian**

1. Is the parent or guardian a communicant member of your church? YES / NO

2. Please state whether s/he attends weekly

weekly is 40 weeks or more per year i.e. **usually** weekly with allowance for holidays, illness and other reasons.

fortnightly

fortnightly is at least 20 weeks per year i.e. **usually** fortnightly with allowances for holidays, illness and other reasons.

occasionally

3. How long has s/he been attending at this frequency?

At least 5 years

Under 5 years but at least 2 years

Under 2 years

4. Is the parent or guardian on the electoral roll or other membership roll? YES / NO

If there is no electoral roll or other membership roll, please tick here

Please turn over →

**Child**

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

If there is no Sunday school, does she attend church with a parent YES / NO

3. Please state whether she attends weekly

weekly is 40 weeks or more per year i.e. **usually** weekly with allowance for holidays, illness and other reasons.

fortnightly

fortnightly is at least 20 weeks per year i.e. **usually** fortnightly with allowances for holidays, illness and other reasons.

occasionally

4. How long has she been attending at this frequency?

At least 5 years

Under 5 years but at least 2 years

Under 2 years

5. Is she baptised? (or alternative \_\_\_\_\_) YES / NO

If it is not usual to baptise young children in your tradition, please state above and mention whether any comparable ceremony such as dedication has taken place.

Name of referee: \_\_\_\_\_

Position in Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Church official stamp:

**Thank you for your assistance.**

**Please return the completed form by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 directly to:  
The Head Teacher, The Grey Coat Hospital, Greycoat Place, Westminster London SW1P 2DY  
GCH Clergy form 2017-18**