

REQUESTS FOR REFERENCES / SCHOOL FORMS TO SUPPORT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

2025/2026



St Gabriel's Church
Huyton Quarry, Liverpool

A Prayer

**Loving God,
We thank you for the gift of learning, friendship and fun.
Bless our schools, their teachers, support staff,
all pupils and their families.
Grant them your peace
particularly when school community life is challenging.
Grant them your wisdom, and your joy,
that in all things and in all places,
each member may know themselves
loved as your precious child.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

School Application Support

This leaflet explains how St Gabriel's Church, Huyton Quarry responds to requests for references and other supporting paperwork relating to school applications.

We strongly advise parents and carers considering applying for a Church of England Primary or Secondary school to speak with their local clergy as soon as possible. Most of these schools are heavily oversubscribed, and in prioritising children who meet their entry criteria ask for evidence to support church attendance going back as far as four years.

In addition to regular Sunday attendance of the child and members of their family (please see each schools individual admissions criteria for details on this) also taken into account is the child and their family's involvement in the wider life of the church.

When the time comes to complete the form, please arrange for a meeting with one of the parish clergy either Rev Canon Mal Rogers or Rev Lynne Connolly. Both of these can be contacted via the parish office on 0151 480 5864 Mon-Wed 9am until 2pm

Parents and carers are asked to photocopy the school form and complete their photocopy indicating what they believe their patterns of attendance and church involvement are. This will inform the discussion clergy will have with parents and carers at the interview. Only the form completed, signed and submitted directly by the clergy person is acceptable evidence of church attendance and involvement.

Please note that attending church as part of a school service (for example on Wednesday mornings) can not count towards regular Sunday attendance or involvement.



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