The Blue Coat School, Oldham
Supplementary Application Form for September 2027 Entry

Guidance notes for the completion of this form	Variation to admission arrangements due to COVID-19
• All the relevant sections of this form must be completed clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS. This includes the front page plus, either Section A, B, C or D and the declaration on the back page. • If you are asking your vicar or religious leader to complete a section on this form, you should make sure that their section is completed by them and then handed back to you. • This supplementary form must be returned direct to the Blue Coat School. This can be done by post, or in person. • You must also apply for a school place through your Local Authority, stating The Blue Coat School, Oldham as a preference. • You are responsible for making sure that you submit an application to the Local Authority and the Supplementary Form to The Blue Coat School, Oldham by the closing date of 31 October 2026.	Please see the notes in sections B and C revising the required attendance at worship during the affected period.

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The full details of the application process and admissions policy for each annual intake are on the school website. Applications can be made based on the following criteria; parents/carers/legal guardians need to decide which their application is based on and complete the relevant section:

Section A (Category 1.1)		Children of the Anglican faith who are Children Looked After (CLA), or who are Children Previously Looked After (in Public Care) or Internationally Adopted Children Previously Looked After.
Section B (Category 1.2)		The applicant is of the Anglican faith. This section to be completed by your religious leader.
Section C (Category 2.2)		The applicant is a member of another Christian Church designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure 2018, nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, or locally by the Diocesan Bishops, and including member churches of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, the Evangelical Alliance, Affinity and the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches. This section will need to be completed by your religious leader.
Section D (Category 2.3)		The applicant belongs to another Major World Faith; Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Sikhism who are members of the Interfaith Network. This section will need to be completed by your religious leader.

ADMISSIONS: GUIDANCE FOR CLERGY/LEADERS OF WORSHIP

(It is in your interests that you make sure your leader of worship sees these guidelines).

We are very grateful to the clergy/leaders of worship for the time they take to support families applying to Blue Coat for places for their children. As there are always more applicants than places, we need to ensure that our oversubscription criteria and procedures are absolutely open, fair, and transparent, and we rely on the information you give us to achieve this. The responsibility for completing and returning the two-part form rests with the parent/legal guardian, but your information, contained in Sections B, C and D below, is absolutely essential, since it is on this that we prioritise places. If you feel that there are exceptional circumstances that have limited or prevented attendance at public worship with a parent or guardian, please complete the Exceptional Circumstances section (Section E). Further information about exceptional circumstances can be found in the Admissions Policy on the school website. Please provide the details required and sign where indicated in respect of the **child and one parent/legal guardian as of 31 August 2026. Please only sign the relevant sections**.

Our experience has emphasised the importance of clergy/leaders of worship discussing completed forms with the family. This puts less pressure on individuals later to support appeals that are unlikely to succeed. If the family attend or have recently attended at other churches/places of worship, it is their responsibility to return the additional forms. In such cases a total of all of the points from the different forms will be used, subject to annual limits. Should the application go to appeal, all information on the form will be considered by the Appeals Panel, and the appellant will receive all information contained in the form, but the information will be treated as confidential.

You will appreciate that for our admissions to be fair, your support and accuracy is essential. We are aware of the extra work that checking registers and consulting with Sunday School teachers or wardens creates and we are deeply grateful for your help.

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Surname of child: _____

Christian name(s)/Forename(s): _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Email Address: _____

Please name any brothers or sisters attending The Blue Coat School on 1 September 2027 (please refer to Definitions within the Admissions Policy): _____

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Child's date of birth: _____ Telephone number: _____

Gender: Male ☐ Female ☐ (Please tick)

Section A Category 1.1	Children of the Anglican faith who are Children Looked After, Children Previously Looked After (in Public Care) or Internationally Adopted Children Previously Looked After.
Please tick ☐	I can confirm that the applicant is or was previously Looked After. *NB: Please note that you will also need to ask your religious leader to complete section B as the minimum points score for eligibility under Category 1.1 is 5*

Section B Category 1.2	The applicant is of the Anglican faith. The information below must be completed by your religious leader.

Please tick ☐

a. Religious leader to insert number of weekly attendances (Sunday to Saturday) by the child and one parent/legal guardian up to a maximum of 39 per year x 5 years maximum (to 31st August each year). Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, for the academic year 2022-22, the counting of attendance recommenced on 31st October 2021. The maximum points that can be awarded for the year 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022 is 33 to proportionately reflect the reduction in months.

Dates of Attendance (Child and Parent/Guardian)	**Points**	**Maximum Points**
1st September 2021 – 31st August 2022		Max Points – 33
1st September 2022 – 31st August 2023		Max Points - 39
1st September 2023 – 31st August 2024		Max Points – 39
1st September 2024 – 31st August 2025		Max Points - 39
1st September 2025 – 31st August 2026		Max Points - 39

b. Religious leader to sign to confirm that the child should be allocated 5 additional points if they were baptised prior to 31 August of Year 5.

Confirmation of Baptism/Or Equivalent		Points - 5

Name of Child: _____

TOTAL POINTS: ☐

Please note that the *minimum* number of points for an application to be accepted for this Category is 15.

c. I certify that the named church was closed due to pandemic restrictions after 30th October 2021 on the occasions indicated:

Date From	Date To

d. I certify that the named church had to limit the number of worshippers at each service during the following periods as a result of Covid and that it was not possible to accommodate the applicant and/or parent/legal guardian through our attendance procedures on the occasions indicated:

Date From	Date To

Religious leader to sign:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

Name of Church / Place of Worship): _____

Position in Church / Place of Worship: _____

Telephone number: _____

If the family has moved into this parish/place of worship within the last five years or they attend more than one church/place or worship, please ask them to obtain additional Supplementary Information Form/s for completion with their previous vicar/leader of worship.

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Section C Category 2.2	The applicant is a member of another Christian Church designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure 2018, nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, or locally by the Diocesan Bishops, and including member churches of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, the Evangelical Alliance, Affinity and the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches. This section is to be completed by the religious leader.

Please tick ☐

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Date From	Date To

Religious Leader to sign:

Print name: _____

Name of Church / Place of Worship) : _____

Position in Church / Place of Worship: _____

Telephone number: _____

If the family has moved into this parish/place of worship within the last five years or they attend more than one church/place or worship, please ask them to obtain additional Supplementary Information Form/s for completion with their previous vicar/leader of worship.

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Section D Category 2.3	The applicant belongs to another Major World Faith; Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism who are members of the Interfaith Network.
Please tick ☐	Religious leader to sign to attest that the child and one parent/legal guardian are active and practising members of their faith. Religious leader to sign: Signed: _____ Date: _____ Print name: _____ Position in Place of Worship: _____ Name of Place of Worship: _____ Telephone number: _____ Faith: (Please tick one box): ☐ Buddhism ☐ Hinduism ☐ Islam ☐ Judaism ☐ Sikhism

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SECTION E: EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

If you feel that there are exceptional circumstances that have limited or prevented your child's attendance at public worship with a parent or guardian, please complete and return this section. Further information about exceptional circumstances can be found in the Admissions Policy. **If exceptional circumstances do not apply, please leave this section blank.**

If you have completed this section, please submit your application together with any relevant information and/or evidence including, but not limited to:

- medical reports or letters;
- reports or letters from social care professionals;
- statements from clergy or religious leaders setting out attendance with an alternative family member and/or friend.

In this section, exceptional circumstance means:

a) not of a trivial or moderate nature, such that can be foreseen and be reasonably expected as part of day-to-day life;

b) must have a substantial detrimental impact on the child's ability to demonstrate a commitment to the faith through attendance at public worship with a parent or guardian;

c) must be the cause of the limit and/or prevention of attendance at public worship with a parent or guardian; and

d) must render attendance at public worship with a parent or guardian unachievable.

Exceptional Circumstances	Whether a commitment to the faith would have been demonstrated by attendance at public worship with a parent or guardian, *but for* the exceptional circumstance.
Please tick ☐	What is the Exceptional Circumstance? (Please tick all relevant options): ☐ Serious illness of a parent and/or guardian ☐ Death of a parent and/or guardian ☐ Serious illness of a sibling and/or close relative requiring care from a parent and/or guardian ☐ Other (please specify) _____ _____ _____ What date did the Exceptional Circumstance occur and/or begin, and if applicable, the date it ended. Date of occurrence and/or start date: _____ Date the exceptional circumstance ended: _____ Is the Exceptional Circumstance ongoing? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are there any other factors or circumstances limiting and/or preventing attendance at public worship with a parent or guardian? ☐ Yes ☐ No If 'Yes', please specify: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

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Please set out in as much detail as possible:

- the exceptional circumstance;
- how this has had a detrimental impact on the child's ability to demonstrate a commitment to the faith through attendance at public worship with a parent or guardian;
- how this has rendered attendance at public worship with a parent or guardian unachievable;
- any alternative attendance at public worship, for example, attendance with family member or friend.

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	Religious leader to sign to attest that the child has previously demonstrated commitment to the faith by attendance at public worship with one parent/legal guardian before the occurrence of the exceptional circumstance. Religious leader to sign: Signed: _____ Date: _____ Print Name: _____ Position in Place of Worship: _____ Name of Place of Worship: _____ Telephone Number: _____

To be completed by all parents / legal guardians:

I apply for a place for my child at The Blue Coat School, Oldham for September 2027. I have seen and agreed the details given above:

Name of parent/legal guardian: _____

Signed: _____

Daytime telephone contact number: _____

Email(s) of parent(s)/legal guardian(s): _____

Please tick this box if either parent is an employee at the Blue Coat School Oldham and the child for whom the application is made, permanently resides with that parent. ☐

Relationship to child: _____ Date of Application: _____

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It is the parent / legal guardian's responsibility, when all relevant parts have been completed, to send this form to the address below. All pages of the form must be returned, even if they are blank. Incomplete returns will not be accepted. Forms must be received by the school by the closing date of 31st October 2026 to be considered as on time applications. Receipts will be confirmed by email, and it is the parent / carer's responsibility to ensure that they receive this acknowledgement.

Form to be returned to:

The Admissions Secretary
The Blue Coat School
Egerton Street
Oldham
OL1 3SQ

The supplementary information you provide in this form will be used for the purpose of processing your application for admission to the school on the legal basis of public task in accordance with our privacy statement which can be found at:
Privacy Notice for PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS, applicants and offer holders (cranmereducationtrust.com)