

ST JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Goodson Road London NW10 9LS

RECOGNITION and ACCEPTANCE of the school's ROMAN CATHOLIC ETHOS

This form must accompany the APPLICATION FORM completed by parents/carers

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Recognition and Acceptance of the school's Roman Catholic religious ethos

1. St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School has been founded to provide for the educational needs of Catholic families in this part of the Diocese of Westminster.

2. The constitution of the school states:

"Religious observance and education in the school shall be in accordance with the rites and practices and doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church."

3. The Bishops and the Governors of the school intend that pupils should receive an education of a high standard provided by teachers dedicated to the task of the Christian formation of children and young people in an atmosphere pervaded by Gospel values and the message of Christ.

4. This means that Religious Education, while given full expression in the prayer life of the school, its acts of worship and instruction in the faith, is not limited to these.

As the Bishops have said, **"The beliefs and values it communicates should inspire and unify every aspect of school life. It should provide the context for, and substantially shape, the school curriculum, and offer living experiences of the life of faith in its practical expression."** (Statement from the Bishops' Conference, 1988)

Partnership with parents/guardians, the primary educators of their children, has long been a principle embedded in Catholic education. The Governors value and welcome, above all, the co-operation of parents/guardians in seeking to achieve these aims for pupils attending the school.

5. **The Governors have agreed that all parents/guardians seeking a place at this school should be asked to sign below to signify that they understand and accept this statement of purpose and aims for pupils at the school.**

Signed:..... Parent(s)Guardian(s)

Name of Church normally attended

Date:.....

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