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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for considering our outstanding school for the next stage of your child's educational journey. I understand how important this decision is and am honoured that you are exploring our faith-filled, nurturing and culturally diverse community. *'At Blessed Dominic, pupils thrive because of the exceptional care they receive, coupled with high ambitions for every child' (Ofsted 2025).*

At Blessed Dominic, we take pride in our strong Catholic identity, academic excellence, and our commitment to each child's spiritual, emotional and social growth. Guided by Gospel values, we work closely with families to help every child grow in faith, knowledge and confidence. We see each child as a unique gift from God and strive to ensure they are loved, supported and encouraged to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

Application Process: Online Form and Supplementary Information Form (SIF)

To apply for a Reception place, you will need to complete:

- An **online application** through your local authority's admissions website <https://eadmissions.org.uk/>
- Our school's **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)**, which provides the Governing Body with the necessary information to apply our admissions criteria, especially in cases where the number of applications exceeds available places. Please ensure that the completed SIF, along with any supporting documents, is returned directly to the school—either in person or by post—**by Friday 15th January 2027**.

If you do not submit both the online application and the SIF by this date, we will be unable to consider your application under our oversubscription criteria. In such cases, your child may be ranked under the lowest admissions category, and it is unlikely a place will be offered.

Choosing a School

On the **Common Application Form**, you'll be asked to list your preferred schools in order. It is important to list them carefully, as you will receive **only one offer**, based on the highest preference available. Please note that the Common Application Form must be submitted by **Friday 15th January 2027**.

*In line with our Admissions Policy, **priority is given to Baptised Catholic children.***

Offer Process

After all applications are received, Barnet (or your local authority) will send us the list of applicants. The Governing Body will then apply our admissions criteria and return the ranked list to the local authority.

The local authority will then offer each family **a single school place**, based on their stated preferences and the admissions rankings provided by schools on **Thursday 15th April 2027**. This is why it is important to list your preferred schools in the correct order from the outset.

Information Meetings for Parents

We warmly invite you to attend one of our **information sessions for prospective parents**:

WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER at 5.30pm

THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER at 9.05am

These sessions are intended for **adults only**, and we kindly ask that children do not attend. A tour of the school will follow the presentation, giving you the opportunity to see our learning environment and ask any questions you may have.

If you need any help completing your forms or have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are always happy to assist you.

I hope that **Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary School** will be one of your preferred choices, and I look forward to the opportunity of welcoming your family into our school community.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs J Hourihan

Headteacher



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