

## Appeal Form for Infant /Primary Schools ICS Form

**This form should only be used to appeal for St. John's Catholic Primary**

**This completed form should be returned by the requested date to St. John's Catholic Primary School, Oldfield Lane, Bath, BA2 3NR.**

**Appeals for St John's Catholic Primary school will be based on Future Infant class size.**

**INFANT CLASS SIZE** - Government legislation means that infant classes (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) with one teacher cannot contain more than 30 pupils. When considering an appeal for a place in an infant class the independent appeal panel's task is to review the decision already made. It does not have the flexibility to say that the appellant's personal circumstances mean that they should have a place at the school if this would take the number of children in the school class over 30. This makes an infant class size appeal different to other school admission appeals. **Appeals for St John's Catholic School will be heard on the basis of Future Infant Class Size Prejudice. Although the Reception year group will organise up to the admission number of 45 in two classes, there will be 3 x mixed Year 1 and Year 2 classes each containing 30 pupils with one full-time qualified teacher (or the equivalent of) in each class.**

At Infant Class Size Appeals the independent appeal panel can only look at:

- Whether the admission arrangements were lawful
- Whether the admission arrangements were incorrectly applied, and your child should have been offered a place.
- Whether it was unreasonable/perverse (in law) to refuse your preference. The appeal panel would need to be satisfied that the decision was so completely absurd / outrageous that no reasonable person, with the same facts, would have made that decision.

Given the extremely limited grounds on which an appeal may be upheld, Infant Class Size Appeals are very rarely successful. Most applicants who have been refused a place at their preferred school consider the refusal to be perverse but as mentioned above the word has a stronger meaning in its legal sense.

Parents/carers can find it frustrating when they realise how very limited the powers of the Appeal Panel are when considering Infant Class Size appeals. We are therefore drawing this to your attention now, so you can make an informed decision about whether you wish to appeal or not. The purpose of this information is to clearly explain the role of the Appeal Panel and not in any way discourage you from appealing, which is of course, your legal right if you feel you have grounds to do so.

**As this form will be photocopied, please complete it in BLACK ink.**

<b>Full Name of Child:</b>	
<b>Child's Date of Birth:</b>	
<b>Address of Child:</b>	<hr/> <hr/> <div style="text-align: right;"><b>Postcode:</b></div>
<b>Written By:</b>	<i>Name of parent/carer</i>
<b>Email address:</b>	
<b>Daytime Telephone Number(s):</b>	<b>Home:</b> <b>Mobile:</b>
<b>Name of School Appealing for and Preference Number:</b>	<b>Preference No (ie 1<sup>st</sup>,2<sup>nd</sup>,3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>

