

Regulations for Admission into Church Schools, Malta 2020-2021

Regulations Serious Cases

These Regulations form part of the Regulations for Admission into Church Schools Malta

1. SERIOUS CASES

A number of children needing the assistance of an L.S.E., children considered as social cases and refugee cases are accepted as Serious Cases.

1.1 Children who need the assistance of an L.S.E. – This Criterion includes children who:

- are statemented and need the assistance of a Learning Support Educator (L.S.E.) or similar, and for whom the schools can provide an individualised educational programme (IEP).
- have started or are about to start the statementing process at the Statementing Moderating Panel or at the C.D.A.U.
- have or will have certification from an educational psychologist or similar, which can lead to the assistance of an L.S.E. or similar.
- are applying for entry in kinder one and whose autism screening resulted in the possible requirement of L.S.E. support.

Relevant documents are to be submitted with the application.

1.2 Children who already have a statement of needs and who by application day have requested its review or appealed the Board's decision must apply as a Serious Case. The Commission of Serious Cases studies and takes decisions regarding such cases.

1.3 A request may be presented to the Admissions Board when an applicant with a statement and supported by an L.S.E. has registered progress and the parents, the school and the psychologist deem that s/he may advance without assistance even when the process at the Statementing Board to terminate the support has not yet been completed. The Admissions Board is to receive all relevant documentation so that it will be able to determine if the application is to proceed in mainstream or as a serious case.

1.4 Applications in mainstream have to be filled for children with a statement of needs reading '*Learner's needs to be met by Class Teacher*'. The application is to include the Statementing document issued by the Statementing Moderating Panel and the most recent psycho-educational report.

1.5 Applicants who fail to apply as indicated above and are registered in a Church School, will lose their place in the Church School.

1.6 Social Cases. Children under *Care Order* fall in this category. This category does not cover cases which are presented with only one of the following reasons: children of unmarried mothers; separation in marriage; adoption; fostering. Also see Criteria 1c regarding adopted and fostered children.

1.7 Asylum Seekers. The Regulations that govern admission in Church Schools of children who themselves or their parents sought asylum when they came to Malta, are being published in a separate document entitled: *Church Schools Admissions 2020-2021 Regulations for Asylum Seekers*. The Regulations for Asylum Seekers form part of these same Regulations. These documents are available on www.church.mt Asylum seekers who need the assistance of an L.S.E. as described in Para. 1.1, must apply according to the Regulations for Serious Cases as Other Applicants or as to the case may be.

1.8 Applicants for whom an application was not originally filled as a Serious Case, but result as requiring the support of an L.S.E., will be placed in the relevant category of applicants and a ballot will be drawn as explained hereafter. Two groups of numbers will be presented: one group with numbers from 0 to 9, and another group with numbers from 0 to the number of tens of applicants. These two groups of numbers

represent the units and the tens. A number is drawn from each group. The two numbers that are drawn will make up the applicant's number. It is probable that another applicant will already have the same number. If it evolves that these two applicants are in the chance of choosing a place and only one place is available, a ballot will be drawn for them to determine who will be awarded the place in question. This process does not cancel choices already made.

2. Serious Cases fall under:

- **Criteria 1** i.e. Serious cases children from Church Homes, children of employees in the same school, siblings, transfers, exempted from attendance, children from Church Schools without Continuity, and children of employees in another school.
- **Criteria 3** i.e. Serious cases Other Applicants.

2.1 SERIOUS CASES CRITERIA 1

1a. Children from Church Homes.

1b. Church School Employees or Employees of the Secretariat for Catholic Education may register their children in the same school where the parent works, or in a school of the same religious entity. Since the Archbishop's Seminary and the Sacred Heart College are schools of the same religious entity, employees at The Archbishop's Seminary may register their daughters at the Sacred Heart College and vice versa, employees at the Sacred Heart College may register their sons at The Archbishop's Seminary. Reference to this criterion will hereafter be "**children of employees in the same school**".

Curriculum Heads of Departments of the Secretariat for Catholic Education may register their children in the same school where they teach three times a week.

The parent should at least have been in post for one year from the beginning of the next scholastic year and has to still be *full-time* employed with the school at the beginning of the next scholastic year.

This is not applicable to those employed long-term on *Full-Time Reduced Hours*.

Children of employees at the following schools may be registered in the same school where the parent works, or in a school of the same religious entity, if the schools have vacant places:

Boys: De La Salle, St. Albert Secondary School, St. Aloysius Secondary School, St. Augustine, St. Benild, St. Elias, St. Michael, St. Paul's Missionary College, Savio College, Stella Maris College and The Seminary. Employees at the Sacred Heart College may register their sons at the Archbishop's Seminary.

Girls: Our Lady Immaculate, St. Dorothy Żebbuġ, St. Dorothy Sliema, St. Joseph Blata l-Bajda, St. Joseph Paola, St. Joseph Sliema, St. Monica Birkirkara, St. Monica Gżira, St. Monica Mosta, St. Jeanne Antide College Primary School Gudja, St. Jeanne Antide College Immaculate Conception Secondary School Tarxien, and the Sacred Heart College. Employees at the Archbishop's Seminary may register their daughters at the Sacred Heart College.

Boys and Girls: St. Aloysius Primary School, St. Albert the Great Primary School, St. Angela Lija, Msida, Rabat, and Żabbar, St. Francis Birkirkara, Cospicua, Imsida, Luqa, San Ġwann, Siġġiewi and Sliema, Theresa Nuzzo Hamrun and Marsa.

1c. Children whose siblings are attending a Church School during scholastic year 2019-2020 may be registered in the same school as their sibling/s or in a school of the same religious entity. This is not applicable to the siblings of Sixth Form students at St. Aloysius College Birkirkara. Since the Archbishop's Seminary and the Sacred Heart College are schools of the same religious entity, girls whose brothers attend The Archbishop's Seminary may be registered at the Sacred Heart College and vice versa, boys whose sisters attend the Sacred Heart College may be registered at The Archbishop's Seminary.

The use of the word Sibling stands for children who are residing in the same house and form part of the same family. This also applies to other siblings when they live with the family for a number of days. In such cases, one is to present the relevant documents. The siblings' criterion includes the children adopted or in foster care by the family, as siblings within the same family. The Siblings Criterion may also apply in other years if there are vacancies (vide Para. 3.1).

In a school for girls only, the Siblings Criterion will not apply if the applicant is a boy, and vice-versa. In this case, the applicant may apply under the Other Applicants Criterion (Para. 3).

- 1d. **Children attending a Church School who wish to be transferred to another Church School** of the same religious entity. This applies between the Schools of St. Angela, St. Francis, St. Dorothy, St. Joseph and between De la Salle and Stella Maris College Gżira. This also applies between the Schools of St. Monica Mosta and B’Kara when the sibling already attends St. Monica B’Kara or when the parent is employed at St. Monica B’Kara.
- 1e. **Exemption from Regular Attendance in case the family is abroad for serious reasons.** The admission of children who were exempted from attending the Church School they were registered in as their parents were going to be abroad for a serious reason. These children attend the school chosen during the process of entry of the previous year.
- 1f. **Children of Church Schools without Continuity**, from year two kindergarten to year one primary or from year six primary to form one secondary.
- 1g. **Children of Church School Employees or of Employees of the Secretariat for Catholic Education who cannot attend the same school where the parent works.** Reference to this criterion will hereafter be “**children of employees in another school**”.

The parent should at least have been in post for one year from the beginning of the next scholastic year and has to still be *full-time* employed with the school at the beginning of the next scholastic year. This is not applicable to those employed long-term on *Full-Time Reduced Hours*.

The Primary Schools of St Albert the Great College and St Aloysius College are receiving many applications from siblings and children of employees of their own schools. Therefore, they will not be accepting children of employees in another school and the remaining available places will be offered to other applicants (Criteria 3).

Children of employees in another school may apply under Criterion 1g and participate in the process of Church Schools Entry as indicated in Paras. 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.

- 2.2 **For year one kindergarten, and year two kindergarten boys** the admission of children requiring support is hierarchically structured: children from Church Homes are admitted first, followed by children of employees in the same school, then the applicants whose siblings are going to be in the same Church school, then applicants whose siblings are going to be in a school of the same religious entity, and finally those requesting a transfer. As indicated in Para. 9.1, every group of applicants is further sub-divided in different groups according to the level of support required. A ballot is held amongst the applicants of a group when the number of applicants in that group is greater than the number of places available.
- 2.3 **For year two kindergarten girls** the admission of children requiring support is hierarchically structured accordingly: children who were exempted from attendance are admitted first, then children from Church Homes, followed by children of employees in the same school, then the applicants whose siblings are going to be in the same Church school, then applicants whose siblings are going to be in a school of the same religious entity, those requesting a transfer, followed by children of employees in another school. As indicated in Para. 9.1, every group of applicants is further sub-divided in different groups according to the level of support required. A ballot is held amongst the applicants of a group when the number of applicants in that group is greater than the number of places available.
- 2.4 **For year one primary** the admission of children requiring support is hierarchically structured accordingly: children who were exempted from attendance are admitted first, then children from Church Homes, followed by children of employees in the same school, then the applicants whose siblings are going to be in the same Church school, then applicants whose siblings are going to be in a school of the same religious entity, those requesting a transfer, then children from Church Schools without Continuity, followed by children of employees in another school. As indicated in Para. 9.1, every group of applicants is further sub-divided in different groups according to the level of support required. A ballot is held amongst the applicants of a group when the number of applicants in that group is greater than the number of places available.

2.5 For Form One secondary the admission of children requiring support is hierarchically structured: children from Church Schools without Continuity which come from Church Homes will be admitted first; followed by children of employees in the same school; then children from Church Schools without Continuity whose siblings are in the same school they are registering for; then children from Church Schools without Continuity whose parent works in another school; then children from Church Schools without Continuity; next follow children from Church Homes; then siblings; then those requesting a transfer, followed by children of employees in another school. As indicated in Para. 9.1, every group of applicants is further sub-divided in different groups according to the level of support required. A ballot is held amongst the applicants of a group when the number of applicants in that group is greater than the number of places available.

2.6 Social Cases are considered as indicated in Paragraphs 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.

3. SERIOUS CASES CRITERIA 3 – OTHER APPLICANTS

The Commission for Serious Cases will receive requests from Other Applicants IF places for children considered as Serious Cases are still available, after the registration of applicants of Criteria 1. In recent years the availability of places was very limited due to the large number of Serious Case applicants of Criteria 1.

3.1 Amongst Other Applicants there may be siblings who are applying for the same year of entry (twins) or other years of entry. If a vacant place is available after the enrollment of Serious Case applicants of Criteria 1, then whenever possible, siblings will be enrolled in the same school. These cases take precedence over the result established by the ballot mentioned in Para 16.1.

If the School has a vacant place for Shared L.S.E. and the applicant requires a Full-Time L.S.E., the School would be unable to accept the applicant in that particular case.

On the Application Form, each sibling must declare who the other sibling is and which Year of Admission the latter is applying for. If this requirement is not adhered to, the Criterion for Siblings will not apply.

4. APPLICANTS' YEAR OF BIRTH

The applicant's year of birth has to be in line with the indication given hereunder:

For entry in form one secondary, the year of birth is 2009
year one primary, the year of birth is 2015
year two kindergarten, the year of birth is 2016
year one kindergarten, the year of birth is 2017.

4.1 The Board will consider requests for exemption from this Regulation in the light of specific reasons, including cases where applicants would have repeated a year. These requests are to be addressed in writing not later than fifteen days from application dates.

Parents/ guardians are to write to the Church Schools Admissions Board as indicated in Para. 21 and present the relevant documents requested by the Board. The Church Schools Admissions Board decides if the exemption request should be granted.

5. The available places offered by schools for children requiring the support of a L.S.E. are:

Year One Kindergarten Schools	BOYS	GIRLS
St. Angela Lija	1	1
St. Angela Msida	0	1
St. Angela Rabat	1	2
St. Angela Żabbar	1	1
St. Francis Birkirkara	1	0
St. Francis Msida	1	1
St. Francis San Ġwann	1	1
Theresa Nuzzo Hamrun	0	1
Total Places in Year One Kindergarten	6	8

Year Two Kindergarten Schools	BOYS	GIRLS
St. Aloysius Balzan	3	3
St. Angela Msida	1	3
St. Angela Rabat	2	2
St. Angela Zabbar	1	2
Theresa Nuzzo Hamrun	0	1
St. Dorothy Żebbuġ		1
St. Dorothy Sliema		2
St. Francis Luqa	2	0
St. Francis Siġġiewi	2	0
St. Joseph Blata l-Bajda		3
St. Joseph Paola		1
St. Joseph Sliema		2
St. Monica Gżira		2
St. Monica Mosta		3
St. Jeanne Antide Gudja		4
Total Places in Year Two Kindergarten	11	29

Year One Primary Schools	BOYS	GIRLS
St. Albert the Great	1	2
De La Salle	5	
St. Augustine	5	
St. Benild /Stella Maris College	5	
St. Paul's Missionary College	4	
The Seminary	3	
Sacred Heart College		3
Our Lady Immaculate		1
St. Dorothy Sliema		2
St. Joseph Sliema		1
St. Monica Gżira		1
St. Jeanne Antide Gudja		2
Total Places in Year One Primary	23	12

Form One Secondary Schools	BOYS	GIRLS
St Aloysius College	6	0
St. Dominic Savio	5	
St. Elias	5	
St. Michael	7	
Stella Maris	1	
Our Lady Immaculate		1
St. Monica Gzira		1
Total Places in Form One Secondary	24	2

- 5.2 Social Cases:** For **BOYS:** there will be 3 availabilities for the first year Kindergarten, 2 availabilities for the second year Kindergarten, 3 availabilities for the first year primary and 3 for the first year secondary. For **Girls:** there will be 2 availability for the first year Kindergarten, 6 availabilities for the second year Kindergarten, 5 availabilities for the first year primary and 1 for the first year secondary.
- 5.3 Asylum Seekers:** For **BOYS:** there will be 1 availability for the first year Kindergarten, 1 availability for the second year Kindergarten, 3 availabilities for the first year primary and 6 for the first year secondary. For **Girls:** there will be 1 availability for the first year Kindergarten, 5 availabilities for the second year Kindergarten, 5 availabilities for the first year primary and 1 for the first year secondary.
- 5.4** Parents of Serious Case applicants are informed which schools still have an available place/s, if and when it is their turn according to the Admissions' Criteria and the relative ballot results.
- 5.5** The number of places offered to children who require the support of a L.S.E. may vary from the indicated number in Para. 5.
- 6. RELIGION:**
- 6.1** The aim of Church Schools is to impart a civic and Christian education to children according to the ideals of the Catholic Church as expressed in the Church Documents on Christian Education. Church Schools offer the teaching of the Catholic Religion, which includes Catholic Ethics. Church Schools will not offer an alternative subject to the teaching of the Catholic Religion.
- 6.2** St. Paul's Missionary College and St Dominic Savio accept only candidates who present a Baptism Certificate of the Catholic Church or a Certificate stating acceptance in the Catholic Church.

6.3 St. Augustine College, the Seminary, Our Lady Immaculate Hamrun, St Dorothy Żebbuġ and Sliema, St. Monica B'Kara, Gżira and Mosta, Sacred Heart College and St Angela Kindergartens accept applicants who present a Baptism certificate of the Catholic or a Christian Church.

6.4 The other schools accept Catholics, Christians and Others.

7. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

a. Catholics and Christians are to present the Baptism Certificate.

b. Abstract of the Birth Certificate from the Public Registry.

ċ. Presentation of ID Card of the mother and/or father. A photocopy of ID Cards is not required.

d. 1 passport-size photo of the applicant.

e. The Declaration re Data Protection and Privacy signed by the parents or guardian. This Declaration may be downloaded from www.church.mt

f. The Declaration Educational Programme filled by the Head of School
This Declaration may be downloaded from www.church.mt
This Declaration is not applicable for Kinder 1.

ġ. The filling of the application by one parent, or a representative of the parents, indicates that the parents agree about the application.

The signature of both parents on the application form is necessary when the Courts have decided that the care and custody is joint and when both parents have legal rights re the education of their children. In such cases the relative legal document is to be presented.

The application is invalid if one parent disagrees or is uninformed and has not given his/ her consent.

g. Separated parents should present the most recent document that defines the children's custody and their educational responsibility.

Besides the documents listed in Para. 7a-ġ, the following documents per criterion are also required:

għ. **If applying according to the Criterion for Children from Church Homes:**

A Declaration on the appropriate form signed by the Director of the Home to show that the child is a resident in the Church Home. This Declaration is to be made on the same day of the application. The preferred choice of school is also to be indicated.

The Declaration may be downloaded from www.church.mt

h. **If applying according to the Siblings Criterion:**

i. The Birth Certificate from the Public Registry of the other sibling/s already attending a Church School;

ii. A photocopy of the identity cards of both parents; and

iii. A Declaration on the appropriate form filled in and signed by the Head of School where the other sibling attends. This Declaration is to be collected from the school on Wednesday 20, Thursday 21 and Friday 22 November 2019 between 9:00 and noon.

The Declaration may also be downloaded from www.church.mt

iv. In the case of adopted or fostered children, a certificate from the Agency concerned declaring the adoption or the fostering of the child.

h. **If applying according to the Criterion of children of employees in the same school, transfers, School without Continuity or children of employees in another school:**

A Declaration on the appropriate form, filled and signed by the Head of School.

This Declaration is to be collected from the school on Wednesday 20, Thursday 21 and Friday 22 November 2019 between 9:00 and noon. The Declaration may also be downloaded from www.church.mt

On the same days, the employees of the Secretariat for Catholic Education may collect the Declaration filled and signed by the Delegate for Catholic Education.

i. **The following documents are to be presented with the application where applicable:**

i. A written explanation about the case

ii. Relevant certificates including the end-of-year result if available

- iii. The *Statement of Needs* issued by the *Statementing Moderating Panel* and IEP
- iv. When the case has not been concluded with the *Statementing Moderating Panel* of the Department of Education, a copy of the application to the *Statementing Board*, or a report by an educational psychologist detailing the needs of the boy/girl, is to be presented
- v. The *Statement of Needs*, for applicants whose statementing is in process, has to be forwarded to the Admissions Office once this is received from the *Statementing Board*.

8. APPLICATIONS

Parents may apply for their children as a Serious Case either:

- online or
- by appointment at the Archbishop's Curia

9. The applications and requests of Serious Cases are vetted by the Commission for Serious Cases. This Commission includes a representative for disabled persons recommended by the Episcopal Vicar for Community Service (Diaconia).

9.1 The applicants are placed in one of these groups:

- applicants with a L.S.E. full-time one-to-one
- applicants with a L.S.E. shared/class support
- applicants with a L.S.E. shared for particular lessons/ particular times
- applicants who have or will have certification from an educational psychologist or similar which can lead to the assistance of an L.S.E. or similar, or whose process for statementing is in progress, and
- social cases.

The admission of children requiring support is hierarchically structured: first come those who have a Full Time one to one support and at the end those who are in process of being statemented as indicated above.

9.2 Only the Commission for Serious Cases decides if an application proceeds to the ballot for Serious Cases or otherwise and it also studies and decides about applications which are still statementing in process.

10. FEES – These are charged to help cover administrative costs:

Fee on Application €15.

Fee for a Late Application €20.

11. APPLICATIONS SERIOUS CASES CRITERIA 1

11.1 Applications of the following Criteria: Children from Church Homes, children of employees in the same school, Siblings, Transfers, children exempted from attendance, children from Church Schools without Continuity, and children of employees in another school (Para. 1a-1g), are filled either:

- online on <https://church.mt/applications> from Friday 22 November to Monday 2 December 2019 **OR**
- by calling for an appointment on 2590 6309 or 2590 6306 from Wednesday 20 to Friday 22 November 2019 between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Applicants whose surname starts with a letter from A-C are to phone on Wednesday 20 November

Applicants whose surname starts with a letter from D-M are to phone on Thursday 21 November

Applicants whose surname starts with a letter from N-Z are to phone on Friday 22 November.

Documents referred to in Para. 7 are required.

Appointments will be given between Monday 25 and Wednesday 27th November 2019 between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

11.2 Late Applications of Criteria 1:

- online on <https://church.mt/applications> from Monday 9 December to Wednesday 18 December, 2019 **OR**

- at the Archbishop's Curia on Tuesday 17 December 2019 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

11.3 Parents/ guardians who submit an application online for Criteria 1 are to contact Admissions Office as per instructions in Para. 22 should they not receive an acknowledgement by Monday, 13 January 2020.

12. Applicants who are not considered as Serious Cases are informed in writing. They will be allowed to apply according to the other criteria. The parents have to fill a form which is received from the Commission together with the notification. This form duly filled is to be returned to the Secretary, Admissions Board (Para. 21) by Monday, 13th January 2020.

13. BALLOTS SERIOUS CASES CRITERIA 1

13.1 Ballots will be drawn as indicated in Paragraphs 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 when needed. A ballot is drawn to establish a rank order and the process continues until the names of all the applicants are drawn.

These ballots will take place at the Catholic Institute Floriana on Tuesday 7th April 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

13.2 The registration in schools of applicants with a L.S.E. full-time one-to-one, applicants with a L.S.E. shared, applicants with a L.S.E. shared for particular lessons/particular times and applicants statementing in process, is carried out according to the rank order established by the ballot for each group of applicants.

13.3 The parents of applicants referred to in para. 13.1 are contacted and informed which schools have an available place/s when it is their turn by rank order. Parents may choose one of the schools offered. If the offered place is not accepted, the next applicant from the same group is contacted. Whoever does not choose a school may opt to remain on the waiting list in case a place from the same group is vacated. When this happens the process of choice of school will resume as explained in Para. 13.2.

13.4 The application number of registered children and their school of enrollment will be published on www.church.mt

14. APPLICATIONS SERIOUS CASES CRITERIA 3 OTHER APPLICANTS

14.1 If applications are accepted, parents are to apply either:

- online on <https://church.mt/applications> from Tuesday 28 January to Friday 14 February 2020, **OR**
 - by calling for an appointment on 2590 6309 or 2590 6306 from Tuesday 28 January to Thursday 30 January 2020 between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- Applicants whose surname starts with a letter from A-C are to call on Tuesday 28 January.
Applicants whose surname starts with a letter from D-M are to call on Wednesday 29 January.
Applicants whose surname starts with a letter from N-Z are to call on Thursday 30 January.

Documents referred to in Para. 6 are required.

Appointments will be given between Monday 3 and Wednesday 5 February 2020.

14.2 Late Applications Criteria 3 Other Applicants:

- online on <https://church.mt/applications> from Friday 21 February to Monday 2 March, 2020 **OR**
- at the Archbishop's Curia on Thursday 27 February 2020 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

14.3 Parents/ guardians who submit an application online for Criteria 3 are to contact Admissions Office as per instructions in Para. 22 should they not receive an acknowledgement by Monday, 16 March 2020.

14.4 The method of application will proceed as explained in Paras. 7, 8, 9 and 10.

15. Applicants who are not considered as Serious Cases are informed in writing. They will be allowed to apply according to the other criteria. The parents have to fill a form which is received from the Commission together with the notification. This form duly filled is to be returned to the Secretary, Admissions Board (Para. 21) by Monday, 16 March 2020.

16. BALLOTS SERIOUS CASES CRITERIA 3 OTHER APPLICANTS

16.1 For every year of entry, a ballot is drawn for each group of 'Other Applicants Serious Cases' referred to in Para. 9.1. The ballots establish a rank order and the process continues until the names of all the applicants are drawn.

16.2 Separate ballots, one for boys and the other for girls, will be drawn.

The ballots will be drawn in this order on Tuesday 7 April 2020 at the Catholic Institute Floriana:

at 4.00 Year One Kindergarten at 4.15 Year Two Kindergarten

at 4.30 Year One Primary at 4.45 Form One Secondary

An approximate time is being indicated and the ballots are drawn consecutively.

The results of the ballot, showing the application number and rank order, will be published on www.church.mt

17. CHOICE OF SCHOOL OTHER APPLICANTS

17.1 The parents of children with the support of an L.S.E. will be able to choose a school for their children according to the result established by the ballots and according to the availabilities provided by the schools. First those who ranked first in each group. Afterwards those who ranked second in each group, etc.. This means that the applicant who ranked first in the group for *Support Full time one to one* chooses first. The choice then moves to the first in rank in the group with an L.S.E for *shared support*, afterwards who ranked first in the group with *support for particular lessons* and then who ranked first in the group *statementing in process*. After this we continue to follow the same pattern for those who ranked second then third until all availabilities are filled.

17.2 **Social Cases:** These applicants will be able to choose according to the rank established by the Ballot from the schools that offer availabilities for Social Cases.

OTHER INFORMATION

18. Children registered in a Church school are obliged to attend regularly the school which they registered in, from the beginning of the scholastic year.

18.1 An exemption from attendance for a period of one scholastic year may be given when parents are going to be abroad for a serious reason, for example employment, health or study. In such cases parents are to write to the Admissions Board informing of their need, the duration of their stay abroad and are to send any relevant documentation that proves that they are going to be abroad for a serious reason. Parents can ask for an exemption for a second scholastic year by writing to the Admissions Board and by providing the necessary details. The Board will inform the parents about its decision, which decision is final. The place reserved for the child will not remain available if the exempted child does not attend school by the stipulated date.

19. All Secondary Schools request that they receive a copy of the results for Year 6 Primary. It is obligatory that applicants who choose one of the following schools take the national end-of-primary-education examination, the Benchmark Examination, unless they are exempted by the Education Authorities:

St. Augustine College, St. Dominic Savio, St. Michael School, St. Paul's Missionary College, The Seminary, Our Lady Immaculate, and the Sacred Heart College.

A copy of the result is to be passed to the School where the applicant is enrolled and authorisation is to be given to the Education Authorities to pass this information to the school. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the place on the school register.

20. **All information provided to the Church Schools Admissions Board in relation to oneself or ones child which according to the Data Protection Act 2018 is "Personal or Sensitive Data" will only be processed in accordance with the said Act – view Para. 7e.**

21. The Board can be contacted on: The Secretary, Church Schools Admissions Board, Secretariat for Catholic Education, 16, The Mall, Floriana, FRN 1472, or: cynthia.cassar@maltadiocese.org
22. Should an awaited reply as indicated in these Regulations not be received, one is to contact the Board by not later than a week after the relevant date.
23. Investigation of infringement of these Regulations follows the Infringement Procedures published on www.church.mt Infringement of Regulations may lead to the exclusion from school of the child and anyone involved. Allegations are to be reported as per the infringement procedures and are to be addressed to: The Delegate for Catholic Education, Secretariat for Catholic Education, 16, The Mall, Floriana, FRN 1472, tel. 2779 0060, email: charles.mallia@maltadiocese.org
24. The Regulations for admission to year one kindergarten, year two kindergarten, year one primary and form one secondary are published every scholastic year. It is necessary that a fresh application be filled for every new scholastic year.
25. **These Regulations for Church Schools Entry apply for entry in this scholastic year. It is possible that in the future they might be changed. It is possible that the situation in schools might change in the future. Therefore it is not guaranteed that present opportunities will also be available in the future. Opportunities may remain constant, they might decrease or increase.**
26. **Decisions of the Church Schools Admissions Board and of the Commission for Serious Cases are final.**
27. **The Maltese language version prevails in case of discrepancies between the Maltese and English language versions of these Regulations.**