

Plymouth Cast Academy Trust

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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'Together we will do
our best for Jesus'

Moving up to Secondary School

The time for your child to start secondary school is fast approaching. The application process for secondary school places for September 2026 will open 1st September 2025. **The deadline for applications is 31st October 2025.**

Please find enclosed - Moving up to Secondary School: FAQs and useful information, please read.

A few points to remember:

Open evenings: You will need to check on each schools website for any dates that they may be holding an open evening.

Grammar school test: If you are interested in your child applying for a place at one of the four local grammar schools, you must register your child to take the entrance exam before **midday Friday 5th September 2025**. Registration forms can be downloaded from these schools websites or requested from the school directly. You must name the grammar school as one of your preferences on the applications form, sitting and passing the test is NOT an application for a place.

Poole High School's Expressly Academic Class Test – The deadline to register is **23:59 Sunday 14th September 2025**.

Supporting Information Form: If you are applying to either St Edwards or St Peters under faith grounds, you **MUST** have a **new** Supporting Information form completed by your parish priest or faith leader, the form you used for St Joseph's is **NOT** transferrable to Secondary school. These forms can be found on both of the school's websites, they are not available to be completed online and must also be received by **31st October 2025**. Please return the supporting information form directly to St Edward's/St Peter's either recorded delivery or in person.

Preferences: You should select four preference schools(thinking carefully about the order that you request them). I would strongly suggest that you choose four, there has been an enormous demand for secondary school places for September 2025 and not all children have been offered a place at their first or second choice.

31st October 2025 deadline: If your application is received after this date it will be treated as a Late application. This means that all applications received by 31st October will be looked at before yours and therefore the chances of being offered a place at a school that you have applied for will be greatly reduced.

And finally.... Please remember that St Joseph's is not a feeder school for St Edward's your child will not automatically be given a place.

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