General Reference Form

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**Please return this form to the coordinator of Belfast School Pastors**

Address: c/o BCM, Grosvenor House, 5 Glengall Street, Belfast, BT12 5AD

Tel: 075 1623 0181 Email belfast@schoolpastors.org.uk

**Name of Applicant**: .......................................................................

**Name of Referee**: ......................................................................

Occupation: ......................................................................

Address: ......................................................................

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Telephone No: ........................ Mobile:.............................................

Email Address: .................................................................................

What is your relationship to the Applicant? ..................................................

How long have you known the Applicant? .......................................

Please comment briefly on his/her general character:

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School Pastors are committed to the service of others in the name of Jesus. Our primary aim is not to verbally proclaim the gospel though we are always ready to share our faith if invited to do so. Our calling is to *be* the gospel by listening, caring and providing practical help on a non-judgmental basis to anyone and everyone we meet. In your opinion, has the Applicant understood and fully embraced this ethos?

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**Please give your opinion of the Applicant’s maturity by ticking the appropriate box:**

Ability to work as part of a team:

◊ Strong ◊ Average ◊ Weak ◊ Don’t know

Ability to use his/her own initiative:

◊ Strong ◊ Average ◊ Weak ◊ Don’t know

Sufficient “street understanding”: cognizant of danger and not easily offended:

◊ Strong ◊ Average ◊ Weak ◊ Don’t know

Ability to be non-judgmental:

◊ Strong ◊ Average ◊ Weak ◊ Don’t know

Physical fitness to cope well with ministry without compromising the safety of others:

◊ Strong ◊ Average ◊ Weak ◊ Don’t know

A commitment to a life of honesty and integrity:

◊ Strong ◊ Average ◊ Weak ◊ Don’t know

Are there any adjustments that we as an organisation may need to make so that the applicant can function effectively as a School Pastor?

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Is there any other information you feel would be helpful? Please continue on the following page, if necessary.

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Do you recommend the Applicant for School Pastors ministry? If yes, why? If not, why? Please continue on the following page if necessary.

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Are you happy for any, or all of the above information to be shared with the Applicant?

◊ Yes ◊ No

**Is there any additional information you would like us to know?**

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Signature............................................................ Date.............................