2024 **CHURCH PASTOR CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE**

Character, Excellence, Service for the Glory of God

Explanation Notes

to Pastor / Minister / Senior Leader

The reference is to be completed by a Pastor / Minister / Senior Leader of the church congregation at which the applicant and his/her family attend and worship. Your response will be kept confidential.

Middleton Grange School is a state integrated school with a Christian special character and enrolment preference policy. Under this policy preference enrolment is given to pupils whose parents are committed Christians and active members of churches or who have a general connection to the Christian faith.

Vision Statement

Middleton Grange School assists families in the education of their children by providing an environment in which the Biblical truths of Jesus Christ are taught and lived.

Mission Statement

At Middleton Grange School we are committed to a rigorous learning culture based on an understanding of truth as revealed in the whole counsel of Scripture. We equip pupils with the knowledge and skills to understand their heritage and their place in it; and to critique and engage contemporary society. We work with parents to encourage pupils in their gifts and abilities to serve God and others.

School Motto

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Statement of Belief

- The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
- The Sovereignty of God in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
- The divine inspiration and trustworthiness of Holy Scripture, as originally given and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since, the fall, rendering humankind subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
- Redemption from the guilt, penalty, pollution and power of sin only through the sacrificial death (as our representative and substitute) of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God.
- The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, His ascension, His mediatorial work and His personal return in power and glory.
- The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.
- The indwelling and sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in the believer.
- The only holy, universal church, which is the Body of Christ, to which all true believers belong and in which they are united through the Spirit.
- The resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

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