

## Open day at new school

Sir – On behalf of the governing councillors of St Richard Reynolds Catholic College I would like to thank all of the parents, children, grandparents and supporters who joined us for the open day held on Saturday.

We were delighted to welcome about 900 people and we were very grateful for their patience as we dealt with demand and arranged two question and answer sessions and two additional secondary school presentations in order to accommodate the large number of people in attendance.

It was a pleasure for us to engage with the people who came and to answer their questions and we hope that the attendees found the day interesting and informative.

We look forward to engaging with parents, children and the wider community again as we move forward with these exciting and important new schools.

**KERI GODDARD**  
 Governing councillor  
 St Richard Reynolds  
 Catholic College

Sir – I am responding to the letter in this week's RTT that said the priority given to Catholic families at St Richard Reynolds College is used "only if the school is oversubscribed".

Presumably if my non-Catholic child came to a birthday party at the correspondent's home, she would be asked to sit on the sidelines until the Catholic children had made their priority selection from the party tea?

By their definition that would be an "inclusive dining policy" because if there happened to be some sausages left my daughter would be welcome to them.

It beggars belief, and I hope the Catholic community of Richmond are engaging in some serious self reflection as a result of this debacle.

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