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Christopher Reeves VA Primary School

Proposal for variation to the admissions arrangements for September 2021

As Chair of Governors, I write to confirm that by Chair's Action, the Governing Body of this school resolve to propose that a variation be made to the admissions arrangements for admission to Year R in September 2021, in respect of the oversubscription criteria relating to church attendance.

The variation requested is that "In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship".

This request is made in order that parents seeking admission to the school can readily determine what the admissions oversubscription criteria are and how they may be met, and thereby enable the school to deal lawfully, fairly and transparently with admissions matters in the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. A copy of this letter will be posted onto the schools web site along with the Admissions Policy for 2021-2022 highlighting the relevant category.

For convenience, given that we understand a large number of similar requests are being made, the Governing Body consents to the Diocese submitting this request on our behalf, along with those of other schools making such requests for this variation.

This request is made in accordance with the DfE guidance on governing body business during the pandemic, as it is a matter of importance and is time limited, given the relevant admissions timescales.

Signed:

Chair of Governors
Christopher Reeves Primary School (part of Chellington Church of England Federation)