



ALDRINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HOVE, EAST SUSSEX

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, and to in-year applications during the academic years 2020-22, in respect of the over-subscription 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 COVID19 pandemic.

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 admissions timescales.

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(See below for further proposed amendments)

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Additional proposed wording changes for admissions variation 2021

- To delete “Involvement of at least one parent in any other aspect of the work and worship of the Church other than as a regular worshipper” from the policy and SIF
- To remove the phrase relating to involvement with “the work of the church” from criteria 2,3,5 and 6.
- To amend criterion 8 to remove “where the parents have either: committed themselves to a foundation course to investigate the claims of Jesus prior to the date of application. (This must be verified by the Minister on section B of the Governors’ form).” Replace current criterion 8 with:

“Children whose parents wish them to receive a Christian education and where the parents are attending a Christian church, but the evidence provided by their minister does not support an application under criteria 2,3,5 or 6 above.”

