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Proposal for variation to the admissions arrangements for September 2021

As Chair of Trustees for the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust which St John & St Francis Church School is part of, I write to confirm that the Trust Admissions Committee resolve to propose that a variation be made to the admissions arrangements for admission to Year R in September 2021, in respect of the over-subscription criteria relating to church attendance.

The Local Governing Board has been consulted and are in full agreement with these changes.

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 the pandemic, as it is a matter of importance and is time limited, given the relevant admissions timescales.

Nigel Daniels

Chair of Trustees
Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust