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Dear Sir/Madam

Watford St John's Church of England Primary School is writing to notify you of a proposed in-year variation to our admissions policy for the year 2021-22. This will affect admissions to Year Reception in September 2021 and beyond. The closure of churches as a result of COVID-19 has raised the issue of clergy being able to verify an applicant's level of church attendance in order to meet governors' admissions requirements. Clearly it will not be possible for clergy to verify a level of attendance in line with schools' admissions policies during the next admissions application round for the academic year 2021/22 and as a result we are intending to amend our admissions policy over subscription criteria to reflect this. This proposal is based on advice received and after consulting the Office of the Schools Adjudicator.

The proposed variation agreed with the OSA is as follows:

“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”.

All other aspects of our admissions policy remains unchanged.

Yours faithfully,

Robin Davis

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Chair of Governors