

St Mary's C.E. (A) Primary School, Greenfield

Notification of proposed variation to admission arrangements for admission in September 2021

As a result of measures taken nationally to combat COVID-19, places of worship have been closed since mid-March 2020. As a school with a religious character, this school's admission arrangements include faith-based oversubscription criteria involving attendance at public worship. These faith-based oversubscription criteria cannot now be satisfied without amendment, and the school governing body, as the admission authority for the school, is seeking approval from the Schools Adjudicator for a variation to the admission arrangements because of this major change in circumstances.

Proposed Variation

- a) For admissions in September 2021, the governing body proposes to vary the faith-based oversubscription criteria that require attendance at public worship so 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 admission arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for worship. The number of attendances required will be adjusted downwards pro rata for each two week period for which the church has been closed (for example, if the church was closed for 20 weeks, the number of attendances required over the year would be reduced by 10, from 26 to 16).

The detailed proposed amendment, showing the amended oversubscription criteria and the Supplementary Information Form, is attached.

Notification of appropriate bodies

As required by paragraph 3.6 of the School Admissions Code, the governing body is notifying the local authority, the Diocese of Manchester, and all other admission authorities and governing bodies of schools in the area of this proposed variation.