



Proposal for variation to the admissions arrangements for September 2021

As Chair of the Trust, I write to confirm that by Chair's Action, the Trust Board resolve to propose that a variation be made to the admissions arrangements for the following academies and their associated year of entry for admission in September 2021, in respect of the over-subscription criteria relating to church attendance.

Academy Name	Year of Entry
Abbey Grange CE Academy	Year 7 and Year 12
Bishop Young CE Academy	Year 7
Christ Church Upper Armley CE Primary	Reception
Holy Trinity CE Primary, Rothwell	Reception
Lightcliffe CE Primary	Reception
Manston St James CE Primary Academy	Reception
St.Chad's CE Primary	Reception

The variation requested is that " *In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church [or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] 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 in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] or alternative premises have been available for public worship.*"

This request is made in order that parents seeking admission to the above academies can readily determine what the admissions oversubscription criteria are and how they may be met, and thereby enable the Trust Board 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 Trust Board 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.

Paul Whitman
Chair of the Trust Board
Abbey Multi Academy Trust

