

Variation to admissions arrangements for September 2021-2022

The governing body of St John's Catholic Comprehensive School has adopted a statement on Catholic practice. Set out below is a copy of the statement that has been placed on the 2021-2022 admissions page on our website. This statement has also been communicated by email to (a) our local authority (KCC); (b) all local primary schools where the admission authority is not our local authority (KCC); (c) all local Catholic secondary schools. **(NB: Primary schools do not need to consult secondary schools.)** The statement will also be included in correspondence and presentations with parents and carers.

Statement:

Admissions Clarification (Covid-19)

St John's Catholic Comprehensive School Admission Arrangements 2021-2022

Parents and carers applying for places in Years 7 to 11 in the academic year 2021-2022 are asked to note the following statement in relation to the Mass Attendance oversubscription criterion set out in St John's Catholic Comprehensive School's admission arrangements:

On the advice of the Education Commission of the Archdiocese of Southwark, the governing body of St John's Catholic Comprehensive School has agreed the following statement in order to clarify how its faith-based oversubscription criteria will be interpreted while churches are closed or attendance at church is not possible due to Covid-19. This statement has been shared widely with parishes by the Education Commission in order to ensure that determinations made by parish priests concerning regular practice of the faith are being made on a consistent basis.

The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18th March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent or carer attended Mass at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) frequently since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops.

Tony Thomas
Chair of Governors,
September 2020