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Dear parents and carers

Re: Application to request amendment to the Admissions Policy for September 2021

We have been contacted by the Education Office of the Diocese of Portsmouth and Winchester with regard to our Admissions Policies for the academic year 2021-22.

The Admissions Policy for Yarmouth includes the option for parents to apply for a place at the school based on being an active member of a Christian Church. During COVID-19 the churches have been closed thereby creating an issue for the management of the over-subscription criteria.

In order to resolve this matter, we are, with support from the Diocese, applying to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator requesting a variation to the Admission arrangements for the school for the academic year 2021-22. Approval will be sought for the following variation:

“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.”

In the case of Shalfleet, there is a similar clause in the Admissions Policy, however the Local Authority is the Admissions Authority and it will deal with this matter direct.

Should you wish to comment on this variation request, please email questions@yarmouthceprimary.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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Chair of Governors
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