

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School 2021/22 Admissions - ADDENDUM

The Governing Body of St Edmund's Catholic Primary School in Godalming has agreed the following statement in order to clarify how its faith-based oversubscription criteria for Catholic applicants will be interpreted whilst churches have been closed or attendance at church is unsafe due to COVID-19.

If a parent/carer attended a given Catholic church prior to the closing of churches for public worship, then where a parent/carer has not subsequently attended worship at a given Catholic church for a given period a parent/carer will be considered to have attended worship at that church for that period where one or more of the following apply:

- the church was closed for public worship;
- the Sunday obligation remains suspended;
- by returning to church the parent/carer would not be taking account of government guidance effective at the time concerning shielding and protecting persons either [moderately or extremely clinically vulnerable](#) to COVID-19. The definition of shielding, if needed, is on the link: -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>