

Voluntary Aided 11-18 Roman Catholic School for Girls Headteacher: Ms Julia Waters BSc (Hons) MA

Evidence of Catholic Practice following the Coronavirus outbreak

On the advice of the Education Commission of the Archdiocese of Southwark the governing body of Ursuline High School has agreed the following statement in order to clarify how its faith-based oversubscription criteria will be interpreted whilst churches are closed or attendance at church is not possible due to COVID19. This statement has been shared widely with parishes 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 Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

If a student attended Mass <u>at a certain frequency</u> 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) <u>at the same frequency</u> since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops."

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