**St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School**

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For admission to **Reception** in **September 2021** the deadline is **15th January 2021.**

To apply for your child to attend St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School you must,

by **15th January 2021**:

* Apply online at;

 [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/admissions)

Complete and return (to the school office) the St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School ‘Supplementary Information Form’ (SIF) [click link here](file:///%5C%5CSTTHOMAS-SRV1%5Cdgiles%24%5Cstabdeterminedsif2021-22%282%29.pdf) with all the relevant documentation eg. Certificate of baptism.

Due to the current situation with Covid-19 affecting church attendance, we have issued the following statement:

***St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School 2021/22 Admissions:***

*The governing body of St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School Eastbourne, 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:*

*a)    the church was closed for public worship;*

*b)    the Sunday obligation remains suspended;*

*c) 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*](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nhs.uk%2Fconditions%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19%2Fpeople-at-higher-risk%2Fwhos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus%2F&data=01%7C01%7CSimon.Parr%40abdiocese.org.uk%7Cd68382e43041429ab48208d83954cd30%7C2bf5dbc217ef4efca1c9ab2dc4edefd0%7C0&sdata=g4oQgmLNBRz4TnEomyhfaUk2QiWLnka4k0%2FbdF9LvYc%3D&reserved=0)*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](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fguidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19%2Fguidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19&data=01%7C01%7CSimon.Parr%40abdiocese.org.uk%7Cd68382e43041429ab48208d83954cd30%7C2bf5dbc217ef4efca1c9ab2dc4edefd0%7C0&sdata=ntbBd%2BRXJEQVPPKptKmvQ8Ub9cPWJNfDUGrXQZVHtEA%3D&reserved=0)