



THE HIGHFIELD SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Ian Morris BA (Hons)

Consultation on the proposal to amend the admission arrangements for The Highfield School

The Governing Body of The Highfield School is consulting on the proposal to amend the admission arrangements from September 2018, to include a new rule (Rule 4) "Children for whom The Highfield School is their nearest school".

The proposed admission rules in summary would be as follows:

- Rule 1** Children looked after
- Rule 2** Medical or Social: Children for whom it can be demonstrated that they have a particular medical or social need to go to the school.
- Rule 3** Siblings
- Rule 4** Children for whom The Highfield School is their nearest school
- Rule 5** Children who live in the priority area for whom it is their nearest school
- Rule 6** Children who live in the priority area who live nearest to the school
- Rule 7** Children living outside the priority area on the basis of distance, with those living nearest to the school given priority.

A full version of the proposed admission arrangements are available on the school website (www.highfield.herts.sch.uk). The full version of the consultation documentation consists of this Consultation Letter together with the proposed 18-19 Admission Arrangements which includes HCC Secondary Definitions and Explanatory Notes.

Why is this being proposed?

This is being proposed as the Governing Body feel The Highfield School should serve its local community – by its very definition that is children who live nearest to the school.

What this proposal means

This means that children who live in the Purwell and Walsworth areas of Hitchin would be eligible for consideration under a higher admission rule for a place at The Highfield School than currently.

Have your say

The Governing Body is keen to hear your views on this proposal. The consultation will run for six weeks. You have until **23 December 2016** to let us know your views. The easiest way you can do this is by writing to the school as follows:



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Admissions Consultation
The Highfield School
Highfield
Letchworth
SG6 3QA

Or emailing to consultation@highfield.herts.sch.uk

Your comments must be received by **23 December 2016**.

How the decision will be taken

This is a consultation and no decision has been made yet. The Governing Body will meet in January to consider the comments received during this consultation before making a final decision on whether to proceed with the proposal. The three key questions that will be considered are:

- Is it right for the school?
- Is it right for the students?
- Is it right for the community?

The following timetable outlines the decision-making process:

Consultation on proposal 14th November 2016 – 23rd December 2016
Governing Body meets to consider responses January 2017

The outcome of the consultation will be published on the school website following the Governing Body meeting.

Yours faithfully,
Mr. Keith Robertson
Chair of Governors
The Highfield School