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Dear Parent/Carer

Wimborne Academy Trust to withdraw draft admissions policy following consultation

As you may be aware the Wimborne Academy Trust recently completed a consultation on proposals to alter the admission arrangements for the 2017-18 school year.

The purpose of consultation is to seek the opinions of a wide range of stakeholders and listen to the views they have. We have listened carefully to the feedback which showed a genuine concern for future school provision in the Wimborne area and we recognise the strength of feeling that has been shown.

It is for these reasons the Trust's Board has taken the decision to withdraw the draft admissions policy that has recently been consulted on. Our decision means current school admissions arrangements for schools within the Trust will continue to apply.

We wanted to contact you as soon as our decision was made so you knew at the earliest opportunity the situation regarding school admissions.

Looking to the future, the Trust's ultimate aim is to have an admissions policy that not only meets the needs of the schools within our Trust but also the wider community. To achieve that it has become apparent that we, and other agencies, will need to undertake further review of the future needs of school provision in the area.

We will therefore be seeking to work with the local authority and other schools on this issue. Any future draft admissions policy for the Trust would be informed by a multi-agency review of school provision in the area and then followed by further public consultation.

The statutory window for consultation on school admissions is 1 October -31 January, so any future consultation will not happen until late next year at the earliest.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took the time to respond to our previous consultation – your views and feedback have helped us reach the decision we have made.

Yours faithfully



Liz West
CEO
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