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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Admissions Policy Consultation for 2018/19

In order to ensure that arrangements meet the needs of the local area, admission authorities have a duty to consult with relevant parents and the local community on their proposed admission arrangements, which include the overall procedure, practices, criteria and supplementary information to be used in deciding on the allocation of school places.

To this end the Governing Body of Walthamstow Academy and Sixth Form is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for September 2018.

The Consultation with regards to changes to the Admissions Policy for admission to Walthamstow Academy in September 2018 is commencing as of today 14 November 2016, and will conclude at midnight on 23 December 2016.

We are consulting on the Academy's admission arrangements. These arrangements are for students who will be starting secondary school in September 2018, or requesting admission to the Academy between September 2018 and July 2019. Waltham Forest Admissions services are responsible for offering or refusing places at the Academy.

We would welcome your views on the proposed arrangements. There are two proposed changes to the oversubscription criteria, both of which are to be considered separately by the Governing Body. The proposed changes are as follows:

1. Amend criterion D to: ***Applicants with a sibling (see admission policy for definition) at Walthamstow Academy including Sixth form when the applicant joins.*** This is therefore the inclusion of Level 3 (Sixth Form) siblings, and not just Years 7 – 11.

2. An additional criterion to be added to the oversubscription criteria, after Social or Medical Need, and before the sibling criteria: ***Applicants who are children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances:***

a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school permanently for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or

b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage, and has successfully completed the probationary period.



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The external PAN number of students to be admitted to the Academy: The Academy will admit a Maximum of 180 students into each year. If the Academy is oversubscribed, it will apply the oversubscription criteria.

The process of the Consultation:

The Consultation is being communicated by Walthamstow Academy as follows:

- Notification to the London Borough of Waltham Forest.
- Notification to all parents, carers and guardians of the Academy by the Parent bulletin and the Academy website, Facebook and Twitter.

Further to the notification to the London Borough of Waltham Forest, the Consultation will then be communicated by the London Borough of Waltham Forest as follows:

- Inclusion in the annual Admissions Consultation report, recipients of which are as follows:
- Headteachers / Principals of all schools in the borough
- Chair of Governors of all schools in the borough
- Neighbouring Councils
- Admissions Forum

Recipients are welcomed to respond by emailing comments relating to the proposed admissions arrangements above to consultation@walthamstow-academy.org.

The purpose of the Consultation will be to receive feedback on the proposed changes, and for the responses to then be collated and presented to the Governing Body for full consideration. Full details of our current and draft admission policy please see our website.

On conclusion of the Consultation, all responses received will be collated and presented to the Governing Body in early February 2017 for full consideration. The outcome of the Consultation will then be notified to all parents by the 28 February 2017 and the full report will be posted on the Academy's website.

Yours sincerely



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