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Ref: The West London Free School Secondary Admissions Arrangements 2022-23

Dear Colleagues, Parents and Carers,

I am writing to invite you to participate in a consultation for admissions to the West London Free School Secondary for places in September 2022.

We are consulting on our arrangements for admissions in the **2022-23** academic year and would like to hear your comments. The proposed change to our current admissions arrangements are described below:

- To add the priority of children who receive the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) as an oversubscription criterion below the current sibling priority
- To clarify that the staff priority is for 'children of the Knowledge Schools Trust's staff'
- To remove the current final criterion of places to children living beyond three miles from the front gate of the school.

These changes are driven by the school's wish to remain as representative of its community as possible and to address a decline in PPG pupils admitted to the school over recent years.

Although not part of the consultation for the 2022-23 changes, we would like to be open about our plans for subsequent years as the changes proposed for 2022-23 form part of a wider change to our admissions that we are considering. It is likely that from 2023-24 onwards, we will propose changes to our admissions policy, as follows:

- Create a priority for 50 PPG pupils, including those PPG qualifying pupils from our three primary schools at West London Free School Primary (WLFSP), Earls Court Free School Primary (ECFSP) and Kensington Primary Academy (KPA).
- For PPG pupils not attending one of our primary schools, there would be a requirement to reside within a two-mile radius of Palingswick House's front gate and places would be offered basis of a lottery within that catchment area.
- Sibling priority would follow PPG priority.
- Granting pupils at WLFSP and ECFSP pupils priority after WLFS siblings (with, if necessary, any oversubscription in the two primaries decided by lottery)

- Reducing our catchment area to two miles from the school's front gate and creating one lottery criterion of 0-2 miles.

These changes will help to streamline our Admissions arrangements.

See the attached draft arrangements for details of 2022-23 changes and we will consult formally on 2023-24 admissions next year. This consultation is for the attention of:

- a) parents of children between the ages of four and sixteen
- b) other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed arrangements
- c) all other admission authorities within the local area
- d) the local authority
- e) any adjoining neighbouring local authorities
- f) any local faith organisation.

The consultation period is open for eight weeks between **04/12/20** and **01/02/21** and any comments should be submitted in writing to Ian Hunter at i.hunter@ks-t.org.

Following the consultation period, all submitted comments will be considered at a board meeting and the final admissions arrangements will be published on the school's website no later than 01/05/21.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Hunter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Ian Hunter
CEO, Knowledge Schools Trust