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RE: Consultation on proposed admission arrangements for Bluecoat Trent Academy

The purpose of this document is to inform you that Archway Learning Trust is undertaking statutory consultation on proposed admission arrangements. As required by the Department for Education's School 2021 Admissions Code the consultation period must last for a minimum of 6 weeks between 1 October 2021 and 31 January 2022, in accordance copies of the full proposed arrangements will be published on the Academy's website for the duration of the consultation period.

Background

Bluecoat Trent Academy opened as a brand new free school in September 2021 to its first cohort of Year 7 students. As part of the Section 10, consultation of the Academies Act for opening a free school the Archway Learning Trusts undertook consultation of its proposed admission arrangements. At this time, Bluecoat Trent Academy had not yet secured the site for the new school and therefore on those grounds the point of distance measurement was set as a nodal point. Bluecoat Trent Academy is temporarily based in its own building on the Bluecoat Aspley Academy site whilst the new Academy is being constructed, due to be completed for September 2023. In addition, the determined admission arrangements did not include siblings as an oversubscription criteria as they were established for the first ever intake meaning that a sibling criteria was not relevant at the time, by 2023 Bluecoat Trent will have welcomed 2 cohorts to the Academy.

Proposed changes to the admissions arrangements:

The proposed changes to Bluecoat Trent Academy admission arrangements are:

- 1) The point of distance measurement is changed from a nodal point which was set on the ground that we had not yet finalised the permanent location to the centre of the new location for Bluecoat Trent Academy ensuring we are prioritising the community we intended to serve.
- 2) The inclusion of siblings as priority criteria after looked after and previously looked after, children of staff and children attending Bluecoat Primary Academy, in addition siblings will be used as an oversubscription criteria within any of the other criterion before distance.

Please see Appendix 1

If you do have any comments on the proposed admission arrangements that you would like the Trust to take into account then I would ask you please submit these either in writing to Michelle Walshe at the Archway Learning Trust, Aspley Lane, Nottingham, NG8 5GY or by email to clerk@archwaytrust.co.uk before the closing on 27th January 2022.

Yours Sincerely



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