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To whom it may concern,

**Chancery Education Trust Response to the Consultation on Schools Admissions by Langley Park Learning Trust in relation to the admission arrangements for Langley Park School for Boys and Langley Park School for Girls for 2021/22.**

Thank you for consulting with Chancery Education Trust regarding the proposed changes to the admissions arrangements to Langley Park School for Boys and Langley Park School for Girls. Chancery Education Trust welcomes the opportunity to respond to the proposal and has the following comments regarding the proposed changes to your admission arrangements, in our view:

- (1) The proposed arrangements will have a significant detrimental effect on the school places available for Bromley children
- (2) Restricts the choice for parents through reducing the number of open places available, determined on proximity

The London Borough of Bromley is expecting a significant increase in the need for secondary school places in 2021. The proposed changes would exacerbate this issue and increase the likelihood of applicants not securing a school place within a reasonable travel distance.

The introduction of the feeder arrangements will result in pupils that would have previously obtained a place based on proximity, no longer being successful and will make it more difficult to offer applicants one of their preferred schools. By treating Trust schools preferably, pupils may travel further with less attending their local school.

The effect of these proposals would be that many local children would be unable to attend their closest secondary school due to places being taken up by Trust primary school children who live further away.

The Langley Park Learning Trust's Option A under the proposed change would mean that children attending Langley Park Primary and living further afield will be given priority over local children who would currently get a place at either Langley Park School for Boys or Langley Park School for Girls, based on proximity.

The Langley Park Learning Trust's Option B under the proposed change will result in up to 120 children from your proposed feeder schools having priority over children living closer to the school.

The introduction of the feeder arrangements therefore will have a profound impact on local arrangements. It creates significant risk of instances occurring where applicants would not be eligible to a place at any other local school.

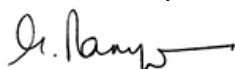
In addition, please note:

- The change will set the precedent for other Multi-Academy Trusts within Bromley, which include both primary and secondary schools to alter their criteria. This will result in reduced choices for pupils who attend Bromley Primary Schools that are not part of a primary/secondary Multi-Academy Trust
- As a publicly funded body all families within the area should have equal access and not be disadvantaged by not attending a Langley Park Learning Trust primary
- The admission code and schools' adjudicator is clear that there needs to be an educational benefit for the changes. The documentation and evidence does not support a clear impact on the educational benefits for naming feeder primaries

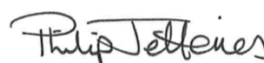
We urge you to think again and think not only about the reputational damage this change will bring to your trust but the potential damage to the relationships with neighbouring schools and Trusts.

Chancery Education Trust therefore objects to the changes to the admissions arrangement you are proposing.

Yours sincerely,



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