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Headteacher:

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Dear Parent/Carer

Consultation on Proposed Changes to the Admissions Policy 2020-21

The Governors of Cockermouth School, as the admissions authority for the school, have taken the decision to consult on amendments to the Admissions Policy. It is proposed that the amendment will come into effect for students wishing to enter the school from September 2020.

Details of the proposed amendments to the policy are:

- 1) The addition of a statement to the oversubscription criterion number 1:
 - *It is the responsibility of the parent or carer to provide appropriate documentary evidence with the application, as without this it will not be possible to consider the application under criteria 1.*
- 2) The addition of a new oversubscription criterion, ranked as number 2:
 - *A child previously looked after outside of England is one that was looked after, outside of England, by a public authority, a religious organisation or another provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. It is the responsibility of the parent or carer to provide appropriate documentary evidence with the application, as without this it will not be possible to consider the application under criteria 2.*
- 3) The addition of a statement to the section on Admissions for places outside of the normal admissions round (In year admissions):
 - *In year admissions to Year 11 will be considered on an individual basis and a decision will be made that takes into account how successful transition is likely to be at that stage of the students' academic journey. Cockermouth School reserves the right to decline a place in these circumstances.*
- 4) The addition of a statement to the section on Fraudulent Applications and Withdrawal of School Place:
 - *Where an offer of a school place is made, parents or carers must respond to formally accept the school place. If the school place is not accepted by the date specified in the offer letter, Cockermouth School reserves the right to withdraw the place and offer it to another student.*

The above changes are included in the draft Admissions Policy 2020-21, which is available on the school website.

Cockermouth School will consult on the proposed admission changes with:

- parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen
- other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions
- all other admission authorities within the relevant area
- the local authority
- any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority

Should you have any comments on the proposals, please put them in writing and send them to Mrs E Nicholson, Admissions and Marketing Officer either by email: nicholsone@cockermouthschool.org or by post to: Mrs E Nicholson, Admissions and Marketing Officer, Cockermouth School, Castlegate Drive, Cockermouth, Cumbria CA13 9HF.

The consultation will take place for a period of six weeks, **commencing on 26 November 2018** and **closing on 7 January 2019**. Governors will consider any comments received and will reach a decision about making any amendments so that the Admissions Policy 2020-21 can be published by 31 January 2019.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Moody
Chair of Governors

Dr R P Petrie
Headteacher

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