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Dear Parents, Carers of Warlingham School & Sixth Form College

Consultation on changes to admissions criteria for entry to Warlingham School & Sixth Form College in September 2021

The current admissions criteria for Warlingham School & Sixth Form College have not changed significantly for a number of years.

With the formation of Tandridge Learning Trust in 2017, bringing together five Tandridge Schools: Warlingham School, Hamsey Green Primary, Bletchingley Village Primary, Woodlea Primary and Tatsfield Primary, the Trust has taken this opportunity to review admission arrangements for Warlingham School & Sixth Form College entry criteria for September 2021 (which would affect primary pupils currently in Year 5 and below).

Warlingham School shares it site border with Hamsey Green Primary School. For a number of years, pupils at both schools have benefited from having close links and now that the schools are part of the same Multi-Academy Trust, these have been further strengthened:

- Warlingham School pupils enjoy close links with the primary pupils, developing their communication, leadership and coaching skills by supporting individuals in a buddy role or working with small groups in a number of subject areas.
- Hamsey Green pupils regularly visit Warlingham School and have access to enhanced classroom and outdoor learning facilities, particularly in PE and sport. This ensures smooth transfer from KS2/KS3 for Year 6 pupils and the formation of the Trust has further strengthened the transition programme and opportunities for cross-phase learning.
- Staff across the Trust share the same vision, values and high expectations for all pupils and also benefit from joint professional development opportunities to further improve student outcomes.

With its commitment that all Trust schools should serve their local communities, the Trust would like to give Hamsey Green Primary pupils who live within the catchment area a greater chance of being offered a place at Warlingham School & Sixth Form College. As the admissions authority, Tandridge Learning Trust, has decided to consult on changes to Warlingham School & Sixth Form College admissions criteria. The consultation begins today (Wednesday 11 December 2019) and the proposed changes are:

- to add pupils transferring from Hamsey Green Primary School who live within Warlingham School's catchment area*, as its 4th priority in entry criteria.
- to add 'Hamsey Green Primary' to Criteria 5 (Children of members of staff)
 - * You can find out about the catchment area for the school by accessing the school's website (www.warlinghamschool.co.uk) or Surrey's School Map webpage at https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/about-find-aschool/find-a-school You may also telephone the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004.

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The Trustees hope that you will see this as good news and that you will be keen to respond positively to the consultation. Please complete the enclosed questionnaire which is also available on our website (click here). Please do take the opportunity to add your own comments - if you do not let us know what you think, we will not be able to take your views into consideration!

Questionnaires can be returned by email to: consultation@tandridgelearningtrust.co.uk; by hand to the Main School reception; or by post to Admissions Consultation, Tandridge Learning Trust, Tithe Pit Shaw Lane, Warlingham, Surrey, CR6 9YP.

The consultation will end on 22 January 2020. The Trust will then review all responses and will publish their decision about any changes in February 2020.

Thank you for your engagement with this process.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive Officer