

Dear Parents and Carers

11<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Admission Consultation for Langley Park Learning Trust**

**1. Feeder Primary school**

We have been notified that Langley Park Learning Trust is consulting to change its admission criteria. The Trust is consulting to add additional criteria to its admission policy for 2021. The consultation wishes to name Clare House Primary School, Hawes Down Primary School and Langley Park Primary School as feeder schools to both Langley Park Girls and Boys Schools. This will result in these school having preference over those attending other local primary schools.

Nexus Education Schools Trust **strongly opposes** to the naming of a feeder primary school. NEST objects in the grounds this will have a detrimental impact on the choice families may have when applying for a secondary school place as enshrined in the admission code. If agreed, it will set a precedent for other secondary schools who are part of mixed school phase trusts to add their primary schools to secondary admission criteria; giving even less choice for Nexus Education Schools Trust families.

The Langley Trust are also consulting on:

**2. Staff**

- Inclusion of children of staff at the named primary school

The Trust has responded neutrally, as the addition of staff employed and working at the primary school is a criteria in many individual schools to aid retention and recruitment. The admission proposal however does not give an indication of possible numbers per year, so the impact of the proposal on admissions is unknown.

- Inclusion of staff at either of the secondary schools in the Trust.

The response by the Trust is neutral on the proposal of staff having a priority under admission, although no potential numbers have been given on the impact on potential places.

It is noted that the consultation proposal places the children at Langley Park Primary School at a higher priority for admission at the secondary schools in option A and also Clare House and Hawes Down in Option B and will result in them becoming feeder schools. This is NOT acceptable to the Trust as it is not explicit within the response questions and comment sections and this is also against the admission code regulations. The Trust is against this criteria in either option A or B

**3. Changes to definitions**

- Siblings and Home address, including tie breaker

NEST objects to the changes to tie breaker measure as a random lottery does not enable equitable access to places in schools this is perceived to be inequitable due to its randomness.

As a Trust we have objected to this consultation and a copy of the letter is attached. I urge families to respond to the on-line consultation which closes on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

On-line consultation link: <https://www.lplt.org.uk/617/lplt-consultation-on-admissions-december-2019>

Yours sincerely

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