



19 December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and other interested parties

## Consultation on proposed admission arrangements for 2020-21 at Kirkby Stephen Grammar School

The governors of Kirkby Stephen Grammar School are consulting on the School's admission arrangements. These arrangements are for students who will be starting Year 7 in September 2020 and subsequent years. The consultation is taking place for a period of six weeks, between 19 December 2018 and 31 January 2019.

The governors of KSGS are responsible for offering or refusing places at the School.

We would welcome your views on the proposed changes.

### Admissions Policy:

There are some proposed changes to the policy, which will be considered by the Governing Body. The proposed changes are as follows:

*The Governors wish to reduce the published admissions number (PAN) from 89 per year group to 64. This is to reflect the projected size of the year group in 2020-21 and to enable the school to ensure that class sizes do not increase. The school is able to admit students beyond this number should there be an unexpected increase in the number of applicants.*

*The Governors wish to define more clearly the category for admissions relating to children with a sibling attending the school at the time of application (category 2). We wish to define this as being children who live within the catchment area of the school.*

*The Governors wish to amend category 4 from "Other children in the catchment area whose nearest school is Kirkby Stephen Grammar School" to "Other children living in the catchment area giving priority to those living nearest to the school" to clarify that distance measurements will be used for this criteria.*

*The Governors wish to remove the paragraph in the previous admissions policy stating that 'random allocation will be used as a tie-break in category 3' as it has never been applied before.*

### The reason for consulting on the change is as follows:

- There are a number of successful and highly regarded comprehensive state schools and Academies that have similar approaches to their admissions.
- Data from the Cumbria Local Authority indicates that a previous demographic 'bulge' that required additional secondary places is now no longer required.

### The process of the Consultation:

The Consultation is being communicated by KSGS as follows:

- Notification to the Cumbria Local Authority Admissions Team
- Notification to all feeder primary schools and nurseries, local secondary schools, parents, carers and guardians of KSGS by School Comms message, and the school website.

Recipients are welcomed to respond by emailing comments relating to the proposed admissions arrangements above to the Clerk to the Governing Body at [clerk@ksgs.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@ksgs.cumbria.sch.uk).

On conclusion of the Consultation on 31 January 2019, all responses received will be collated and presented to the Governing Body in February 2019 for full consideration. The outcome of the Consultation will then be notified to all parents by the end of February 2019 and the full report will be posted on the school's website.

Yours sincerely



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