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Dear Parent/Carer

Chancellor's School 2019-2020 Admissions Consultation

Chancellor's School is proposing to amend the Admissions criteria for the 2019-2020 cohort.

The reasoning behind this proposal is the County Council has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places across its area and has been working closely with the secondary schools in the Welwyn & Hatfield area to explore options for meeting the demand from increasing pupil numbers.

Hatfield has already experienced increased demand for secondary school places, with Onslow St Audrey School agreeing to offer additional places in Year 7 for the last two years to meet local demand. The school, with the support of the County Council is now proposing to expand permanently by 1 form of entry (fe) (thirty pupils per year). However, the County Council has identified a need for a further 2 forms of entry for secondary pupils (60 places a year) from September 2019 to meet forecast demand in Hatfield.

With no further expansion potential at the two secondary schools in Hatfield, the County Council is working with Chancellors and Stanborough to bring provide additional places for Hatfield children at these two schools. The longer term strategy is to establish a new secondary school in Hatfield to meet anticipated demand from the town. In the short term it is proposed that demand will be met by additional places at Chancellors and Stanborough along with proposed changes to the admissions rules at both schools. It is anticipated that these admission changes will be temporary and in place from September 2019 for only 2-3 years.

Further information on the County Council's pupil forecasts is available on its website at: www.hertsdirect.org/schoolplaces.

The consultation paperwork and suggested amendments are on our website (www.chancellors.herts.sch.uk) and all primary and secondary schools as well as District and Parish Councils in the area have been notified. (See attached the list of schools and Councils contacted directly).

Primary and Secondary Schools:

Essendon C of E VC Primary School	Oak View Primary & Nursery School	St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School
Birchwood Avenue Primary School	Green Lanes Primary School	The Ryde School
Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School	Hatfield Community Free School	Brookmans Park School
Countess Anne School - A CoE Academy	De Havilland Primary School	St Mary's CoE VA Primary (North Mymms)
Howe Dell Primary School	Onslow St Audrey's School	

Councils:

Essendon	North Mimms	Hatfield
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Should you wish to discuss the proposed admissions criteria for 2019-2020, please contact me directly at head@chancellors.herts.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

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