

# Colyton Grammar School

## Minutes of the Admissions, Learning and Standards Committee – Part One

Date of Meeting: Thursday 25 February 2016

Venue: Room 16

### Present:

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| Governors | Dr C Bastin, Mr G Davis, Rev H Dawson, Lt Col T J Dyer, Mr G Hayne, Mrs L Linnell, Mr R Scott, Mrs J Wainwright and Mrs V Wells and Mrs F H Wilkinson |
| Staff     | None                                                                                                                                                  |
| Visitors  | None                                                                                                                                                  |
| Secretary | Mr S Cook                                                                                                                                             |

### 1. Disclosure of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs S Burns-Price, Mr B Merrett and Mrs S Hopkins.

### 3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 4 November 2015

Deferred.

### 4. Matters Arising

Deferred.

### 5. Proposed Admissions Policy for September 2017 Entry and Consultation

Mrs Wainwright drew the attention of the Committee to the report on the responses to the recent consultation which had been circulated prior to the meeting, together with the revised Admissions Policy for 2017. She focused on the following:

- Key changes such as the decision to expand the PAN to 155 and to include the criteria for staff children
- The list of organisations that were included in the consultation, including advertisements in the local press
- The response received from the Devon Admissions Officer who suggested a number of minor changes to the policy to ensure it reflects current terminology and practice. These changes had been applied to the policy circulated prior to the meeting.
- Five responses which raised specific issues which Mrs Wainwright has addressed with the individuals concerned, including the following:
  - coaching
  - access for disadvantaged students
  - the increase to PAN and its impact on standards, the culture of the school and building provision
  - concerns about the over-subscription criteria giving priority to staff children
- Two email responses and a number of oral comments supporting the revised policy as it enables more students to benefit from a place at Colyton and places the finances on a more secure footing.

In response to Lt Col Dyer, Mrs Wainwright confirmed that the school's policy has always been to discourage coaching as there is no evidence of any benefit beyond initial familiarisation. The new CEM tests are not available for purchase and are designed to minimise any possible benefit from coaching, thus making coaching even less beneficial.


Proposed by Mrs Wells, seconded by Dr Bastin and unanimously agreed that the revised Admissions Policy should be approved, determined and published.

**6. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

**7. Next Meeting**

Wednesday 2 March 2016 at 6.30pm.

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| Signed: |  | (Chairman of Committee) |
| Date:   | 2.3.2016                                                                          |                         |