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**Ref: Consultation on the Admission Arrangements for September 2021**

Dear Students/Parents/Carers

In accordance with the statutory requirements set out in the School Admissions Code, we are required to undertake a six week consultation on proposed changes to our admission arrangements.

I have outlined below the proposed changes for your information.

- Inclusion of oversubscription criterion 'Children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted' – recommended by Local Authority
- Oversubscription criteria for Lawnside Academy – brought in line with the other BEST academies
- Oversubscription criteria for Pix Brook Academy – addition of 'staff employed for two years or more' in line with the other BEST academies
- Explanatory paragraphs for 'deferred entry', 'delayed admission for summer born children' and 'admission of children outside their normal age group' – wording adjusted for clarity following parent feedback.

The consultation will remain open until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Should you wish to comment on the above, please email [admissionsconsultation@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:admissionsconsultation@bestacademies.org.uk).

Please note that we are continuing to work with Central Bedfordshire Council in relation to the two tier consultation and should these arrangements require adjustment in line with those plans, we will communicate this to you.

Yours faithfully

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BEST Schools: Samuel Whitbread Academy, Etonbury Academy, Pix Brook Academy, Robert Bloomfield Academy, St Christophers Academy, Gothic Mede Academy, Langford Village Academy, Gravenhurst Academy, Lawnside Academy and BEST Nurseries.

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