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Admissions consultation – Trinity Academy Halifax (TAH)

The local governing body (LGB) of TAH has recently decided to consult stakeholders with regard to changing its Admissions Policy, specifically the criteria for oversubscription. The two main changes are as follows (all changes are highlighted in red text in the attached admissions policy):

- **The academy has made the decision to include Akroydon Primary Academy (APA) as a feeder school in its admissions policy.**

In February 2017 APA joined the Trinity MAT and, since that date, it has developed common school improvement systems that run across both primary and secondary phases e.g. a Behaviour for Learning Policy, pupil tracking and intervention strategies, quality assurance process and professional development packages. It has also made significant curriculum developments that have resulted in a continuous and interrelated scheme of learning that leads seamlessly from KS2 to KS3. Finally, a number of staff work across both institutions, particularly in core subjects, expressive arts and leadership.

Crucially, APA sits well within TAH's current catchment area, the vast majority of its students currently attend TAH and it has well-embedded and increasing educational ties (see above) to it. Finally, 70% of Calderdale secondary schools currently have feeder primary schools, with one having up to thirteen. Some of these existing links are tenuous at best, and certainly bear no resemblance to local catchment and/or nearest secondary school. In contrast, this proposal stays true to the TAH vision of serving the local community, is therefore in line with current practice, and would further strengthen the flourishing relationship which currently exists between the two institutions.

- **The academy has made the decision to include the children of staff who work at the academy** – like the proposal above, this practice is currently in operation in the majority of Calderdale secondary schools.

The admissions consultation process will run from Tuesday 4 December to Tuesday 29 January inclusive. This will include an information evening (hosted at the school) at 3.45pm and 6.30pm on Tuesday 18th December.

At that evening I will present a more detailed rationale of this proposal. If you have any questions, or would like to make a contribution to the consultation, please contact the school using the following email address – info@trinityacademyhalifax.org

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Robinson".

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