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Dear Colleague

In line with the requirements set out in the School Admission Code, Pittville School wishes to consult with you regarding the school's proposal to amend its admissions policy from September 2019.

The proposal is to remove the school's priority catchment area. We will retain the criteria which states: 'Children with the strongest geographical claim, measured from the Ordnance Survey point of the child's home address (including flats) to the Ordnance Survey point of the school, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority'. This is as per our current policy. We have also added to our list of criteria a statement relating to children of staff at the school.

This decision has been taken as a result of a significant increase in the school's first preferences over the past 3 years. By removing the priority catchment area the governing body believes that children from the boroughs of Cheltenham will be considered on the same basis as any children outside the borough.

The Governing Body does not feel that this will have a detrimental impact on other schools in the area because it gives equal weighting to all children apart from those who have a sibling at Pittville School.

We hope this information will enable you to understand the reason for this change. This consultation will run for six weeks from 4.12.17 to 31.1.18. We invite you to view the proposed changes on our school website by going to 'About us' and then 'Admission Policy Consultation for September 2019'.

Please send any comments regarding this consultation to Emma Bennett, Clerk to the Governing Body, at the school. All comments will be considered by the Governing Body.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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Chair of Governing Body