

22nd March 2018

Dear parent/carer,

Consultation on the temporary removal of the Sixth Form from Compass School Southwark

Compass School is developing its structures to best meet the needs of our community and ensure a sustainable education provision moving forwards. Our flagship new building is due to open in 2021 (subject to planning approvals) and our joining the City of London Academies Trust is expected in the new academic year (subject to Department of Education approval). During this period of transition, the following changes are proposed as a temporary measure and we would appreciate your comments regarding these.

In accordance with DfE advice given in the “Making significant changes to an open academy”, governors of Compass School Southwark wish to consult on arrangements for our Sixth Form provision with a view to making the above temporary change to our offer and funding agreement with the DfE. We would welcome your views and comments on the proposal below:

- Compass School Southwark is currently funded as an educational provision for 600 pupils aged 11-18 with 100 of these places forming our Sixth Form. This would mean an on-site Sixth Form provision for 50 pupils from September 2018, followed by a further 50 in September 2019.
- The proposal is for Compass School to delay the opening of its Sixth Form until the school moves into its new, purpose-built building in September 2021.
- Given the relatively small cohort of pupils currently studying in Key Stage 4, many of whom may chose an alternative pathway to Sixth Form or a broader range of subjects than Compass School would be able to offer, the opening of the Sixth Form in the short term is no longer in the best interests of our pupils.
- Compass School has supported its year 11 pupils with visits to other Post 16 providers and making applications to these. All year 11 pupils have had access to independent careers information, advice and guidance through an external provider.
- Compass School Southwark has met with the Local Education Authority who are supportive of the proposal and its potential to support the authority with an increased demand in the borough for year 7 places.

It is the view of governors that this temporary change is in the best interests of our pupils, and will

support the longer term plan to be part of an outstanding Sixth Form offer in partnership with City of London Academy (Southwark) operating from purpose-built accommodation across both sites.

The consultation period expires on 23rd April 2018, so please revert to us with any comments you may have prior to that date. If you have any comments on the proposed changes, please send these to Claire Wade, cwade@compass-schools.com by 23rd April so that we can determine our arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Marcus Huntley', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marcus Huntley
Principal