**Pent Valley Admission Arrangements for entrance into
Year 7 and Sixth form in September 2017**

<u>Year 7</u>

Pupils will be admitted at age 11 without reference to ability or aptitude. The number of intended admissions for the year commencing 2017 will be 120 at age 11.

Statemented pupils will be admitted through separate statutory procedures outside of the oversubscription criteria.

<u>Sixth form</u>

Priority will be given to existing pupils transferring from Year 11 who meet the entrance criteria. Course acceptance will depend upon the entry requirements of that particular subject at L3 and numbers. Details of entry criteria and requirements for particular courses are found in our on-line Prospectus.

The admission number for external candidates will be **20,** but this figure may be exceeded in the event that this and the number of internal pupils transferring into Year 12 is less than the overall figure for the year group, which is **150.**

<u>Over subscription Criteria</u>

Before the application of oversubscription criteria, children with a statement of special educational need or Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school will be admitted. As a result of this, the published admissions number will be reduced accordingly.

Where applications for admission to either Year 7 or Sixth Form exceed the number of places available the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:

A) Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care. A child under 18 years of age for whom the Local Authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (section 20 of the Children Act 1989) or who is subject of a care order under part IV of the Act. This applies equally to children who immediately after being looked after by the local authority became the

subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order. (As defined by Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or Section 8 or 14A of the Children Act 1989.

B) Health and special Access Reasons. Medical, health and social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians' physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend a particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and the particular school

C) Children with siblings attending Pent Valley at the time of entry including natural, fostered and adopted children and half siblings and step siblings.

D) Nearness of childrens' homes to the school. The distance is measured between the child's permanent address and the school measured in a straight line using Ordnance Survey address point data. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by Ordinance Survey. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody.

In the event of any of the above criteria being oversubscribed, priority will be given based on distance as described above with those closest being given higher priority.

In the event of a tie breaker situation, the nearness of an applicant's home to school will be the decider.

If in the event that more than one applicant has the same distance from home to school (as measured by the local authority), then a random selection will be applied.

After a place has been offered the school reserves the right to withdraw the place in the following circumstances:

a. When the parent or learner has failed to respond to an offer within a reasonable time; or
b. When a parent or learner has failed to notify the school of important changes to the application information; or

c. The admission authority offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from the parent or learner.

Taught outside expected year group

There is no legal barrier to children being admitted outside of their normal age group. Requests for such admission should be made to the Headmaster as early as possible in the admissions round associated with their child's date of birth. Parents are not expected to provide evidence to support their request to defer an application, but where provided it must be specific to the child in question, and failure to provide it may impede the school's ability to agree to deferral. Parents are required to complete an application for the normal point of entry at the same time, in case the request for deferred entry is declined.

Offers and Appeals

Parents have a statutory right of appeal, should an application for a place be refused, by writing to The Clerk to the Governors, care of the school.

Late applications will be considered if places in appropriate subjects are still available after all other applicants have been considered.

A waiting list will be held, ranked according to the over-subscription criteria.

Transport

Pupils living more than 3 miles away from the school will be entitled to free transport, provided by KCC, if Pent Valley is their nearest appropriate school and was named as your preferred school.

Help with transport for low income families:

For a pupil to qualify under the low income criteria they must:

- Be entitled to free school meals or
- The family must be in receipt of one of the following benefits
  - Income support
  - Income based jobseekers allowance
  - Child Tax Credit (TC602 for the current year with a yearly income of no more than £16,190)
  - Guaranteed element of state pension credit
  - Income related employment and support allowance
- Attend one of their 3 nearest appropriate schools for transport purposes and live between 2 and 6 miles from school.