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Dear Parents and Carers

As promised at our update meeting on Wednesday we now attach our objection to and alternative proposal for changes to Oxted School catchment area.

The proposal has been reached after lengthy discussions and negotiations with both officers and councillors from Surrey County Council. The proposal also has the full agreement of the head teachers and governing bodies of the schools concerned and was initiated by Oxted School itself.

After consideration of numerous alternatives this is undoubtedly the best option to offer the most protection to our children's chance of a place at Oxted School. It offers far more long term security than the current arrangements that we have been fighting to keep. We:

- remain in the existing catchment area
- retain protection from the 2008 tiebreaker of distance to nearest alternative school
- become a partner school

We have considered the option that may on the surface appear to offer a solution i.e. excluding north of the M25 from the catchment area. However, if we pursue this option it will be met with a similar campaign of objection to our own, as many of their nearer schools are full and they also have a long history at Oxted. If we simply attempt to move the problem elsewhere, it will remain unresolved. The County Council have made it clear that a proposal must be agreed in the near future. We feel that this option creates a more level playing field for everyone in the catchment area.

**We want it to be an answer that suits Lingfield and Dormansland and not the Council!**

**We need your response by Thursday morning, which is the deadline for consultation:** Please complete and return to the school office

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**We agree with the consultation response from 8 minutes to Oxted  
YES/NO**

**Signed:**

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