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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Pupil Admission Number for September 2017

As you will know, in September 2015, The Blue Coat School admitted 150 year 7 students and will do so again in September 2016.

Already, we have begun to evaluate the effects of this increase and are extremely pleased to report that our pupils are achieving in line with the usual high standards we expect at The Blue Coat School. We are also heartened that more children from all backgrounds across the city have the chance to excel as a result of a Blue Coat education. In 2015, competition for places remained as great as ever, with nearly 1000 pupils sitting our entrance test in October.

Consequently, I write to inform you that the Governing Body has approved a further increase to our pupil admission number. The Blue Coat School will admit 180 students into Year 7 from September 2017. This will be accommodated by the introduction of an additional form class.

Although we will be admitting more pupils, we anticipate they will be of similar ability to those already at The Blue Coat School. Our confidence in our teaching staff means we can be sure that this will not dilute the high academic standards, exceptional pastoral care or supportive ethos that permeates the School. In keeping with the values of The Blue Coat School, we are proud that this will give more students from disadvantaged backgrounds a chance to thrive. Throughout our history, and up to and including the present, these are students who always succeed at Blue Coat.

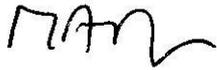
This increase to our pupil admission number also allows The Blue Coat School to support the Local Authority's current city-wide priorities. We are sure we can make an even greater contribution to the progress of the most able and disadvantaged pupils across the city.



As we look to the future, this increase also strengthens our financial position. We will be able to make further improvements to resources and accommodation that serve current and future pupils so that they continue to achieve even better outcomes year on year.

I hope this positive proposal enjoys your full support.

Yours sincerely



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