

Our Reference: JAH/MM

20th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: New Secondary School for Oldham

I am writing to let you know about the application that the Cranmer Education Trust is submitting to the Department for Education for a new secondary school for Oldham.

As you may already be aware, Oldham needs additional secondary school places. The borough has been identified by the Department for Education's Free School programme as one of the priority Local Authority regions for a new secondary school.

Cranmer Education Trust is strongly positioned to open and run the much-needed new secondary school for Oldham's community, building on the success of Blue Coat. We have been working closely with the Local Authority who have given full and strong support for the application; the Council is also working closely with us to identify a suitable central site for the school. Ultimately, the decision lies with central government, but we are doing everything we can, together, to make the case for more places in good schools, for our young people.

You are likely to come across increasing publicity about the proposed new school on social media, newspapers and at other local events. As stakeholders of our Trust, we want you to be aware of the bid. As part of the family of Cranmer schools, we hope you will be fully supportive of it too, and that you will help us to engage our community's support.

Full information about need, admissions, ethos and vision are published on our website www.cranmereducationtrust.com/new-school You could also help by following us on Facebook @cranmeredt and Twitter @CranmerTrust by sharing our posts, using the hashtag #BlueCoat2, as we go about letting people know about our plans for the new school. It would also help if you complete our short on-line questionnaire about the new school when you visit the website. We very much appreciate your feedback.

Can I thank you in anticipation of your support and help us achieve our mission to provide excellent schools which enable all to achieve, progress, experience success, and importantly, to become good people, good neighbours and good citizens whom we are proud to know. For us, the whole person really is the whole point, which is why we are applying to open another school.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs J.A. Hollis
Chief Executive Officer
The Cranmer Education Trust