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Dear Headteacher

Please find enclosed some letters which I would be grateful if you could please distribute to your Year 5 students as soon as possible.

The letter explains that if parents wish their children to apply to Highcrest's Year 7 in September 2019, they need to arrange for their child to sit a banding test in June, July, September or October 2018. We are recommending that they sit one of the earliest tests on 23 June or 7 July 2018 as this will avoid the 11+ period. Further dates have been set, but we would be grateful if you could really encourage your students to sit one of these early banding tests. The test scores are standardised by age so there is no disadvantage in "sitting early".

The test is not a "pass/fail" test. It is purely to ascertain to which band the student will be allocated for admission purposes only. Once the test is completed the admissions criteria will be the usual LAC and SEN children, then "siblings" followed by "distance from the school" in each band. I have attached some further information which is available on our website and would ask you to direct your parents to this information if they have any concerns. Obviously we will be happy to answer any further queries but hopefully this information should cover most concerns.

The most important message is that we do need **every child who wishes to apply** to The Highcrest Academy to sit one of these banding tests, **even if they have a sibling already at the school**.

If you would like us to visit you to explain this process to your Year 5 parents and to describe what The Highcrest Academy can offer their child, please contact my PA to arrange a suitable time. Should you already have an event planned which you would like us to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can arrange to be available to you.

Thank you for your help in distributing this letter. I do appreciate the time this may take.

Yours sincerely

G D Burke
Principal

