



THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

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Dear Jo

I am writing to reassure you and the families at Nursling School that The Mountbatten School greatly values our longstanding relationship with your school and community.

You may be aware that proposals within the Local Government Review could mean that our schools fall within different local authority areas in the future. I want to reassure you that this will not affect our commitment to Nursling School. We have no plans to change our catchment area or Nursling School's status as one of our linked feeder schools.

It is not unusual for school catchment areas to cross local authority boundaries, and for linked schools to be in different council areas. These arrangements exist in many parts of the country.

As an academy, The Mountbatten School sets its own admissions arrangements, including its catchment area. This means that any future changes to local authority boundaries or admissions arrangements elsewhere will not automatically affect who has priority for places at The Mountbatten School. We have recently made a change to our admissions policy, but this does not affect our catchment area. Families who currently live within our catchment area remain within it and continue to receive priority for admission.

Like all schools, we keep our admissions arrangements under regular review to ensure they continue to meet the needs of our community. However, I want to be absolutely clear that there are currently no plans to remove Nursling School as a linked feeder school or to remove homes in Nursling or Rownhams from our catchment area.

We remain fully committed to maintaining the strong partnership between our schools and to providing continuity, clarity and reassurance for families as their children make the transition to secondary education.

Please feel free to share this letter with parents and carers.

Yours sincerely

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