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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Proposed Amalgamation of Cobourg and Camelot Primary Schools

There have been meetings and conversations with many of you as parents and staff explaining why the school's Interim Executive Board's (IEB) supported by the Local Authority wish to bring both schools onto one site at Camelot Primary School for September 2023.

The IEB have numerous reasons why they think this is a good and positive way forward for both schools. It would bring some of the following advantages to Cobourg and Camelot pupils:

- *Bring two communities together and combining their strengths and talents to secure high quality education for children in the area.*
- *A school that is full will have more spending power can manage its spending better and provide a wide range of opportunities for children and families*
- *Bring together the good work that has already happened through the partnership between children, teachers and governors.*
- *Providing a school that will remain strong into the future.*

The IEB and Local Authority thank you for your questions and ideas so far about what bringing the two schools together will mean for you and your child/ren.

We have listened to what you have told us and would like to begin a formal consultation to hear from as many parents, carers and anyone else who may have a view.

Now that we have finished the informal meetings with parents and staff we are now about to start the formal legal process. This step – known as **Stage One Consultation** is required by the Department for Education (DfE). **This will last six weeks from the date of this letter.** Anyone within the community and beyond will be able to contribute suggestions, ideas, thoughts and comments on the proposal.

This feedback will go into a dedicated email address and considered after the six-week period has ended: governor.services@southwark.gov.uk

This is the chance for everyone to be fully involved in the consultation. Every comment will be read and considered.

Early on in the six-week period, there will be public meetings at the school to explain the thinking behind the proposal and the benefits it will bring. Everyone is welcome to understand the process and the part they can play in it.

The times and dates for the meeting are set out below. We look forward to seeing you. Representatives from the school, governors/IEB members, and Council will be present to answer your questions and queries.

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| <u>CAMELOT PRIMARY SCHOOL</u> |
| <u>THURSDAY 30TH MARCH 2023</u> |
| 8.50 a.m |
| 3.20 p.m |
| 6.00 p.m |

Yours sincerely,



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Juliette Young (Chair of IEB, Cobourg Primary School)