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Dear Mr Meehan

Compliance Exercise 2010 Admission Arrangements

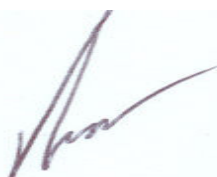
As you are aware, the Secretary of State has asked the OSA to scrutinise the admission arrangements of Local Authorities and schools across England and report to him on the extent to which these comply with the School Admissions Code and the Law. Schools Adjudicators were asked to look through the admission arrangements of a sample of schools across England and of every Local Authority.

I am pleased to advise we have found no breaches of the Code in the admission arrangements made by your Authority.

I should at this point emphasise that the checking undertaken by a Schools Adjudicator has necessarily been limited to those aspects of the admission arrangements that can fairly readily be compared against the requirements of the Code. It has obviously not been possible for a Schools Adjudicator to identify arrangements that contravene the Code in ways that would only become apparent once the local context had been taken into account. This means that, despite the check, the OSA may still receive an objection to your arrangements. However, since the period for submitting objections has now ended, it is unlikely that we will receive an objection but if we do, and the adjudicator has agreed that they will consider the late objection we will contact you in the normal way.

With thanks for your assistance in this important work.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Skuce
Secretary
Office of the Schools Adjudicator

