

**Longfield Middle School**

**Duke's Avenue**

**North Harrow**

**Director of Schools & Children's Development**

**London Borough of Harrow**

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**Harrow HA1 2UT**

**16 June 2010**

**Re: Amalgamation of Longfield Middle School & Longfield First School**

**Dear Ms H Clements**

I am writing to you as Chair of Governors for Longfield Middle School. Following the consultation period with the stakeholders of the school, the decision of Longfield Middle School Governing Body is to recommend the amalgamation of Longfield Middle School and Longfield First School.

In reaching this conclusion we took account of the response to the consultation exercise overseen by yourself involving parents, teachers and governors, and other key stakeholders closely involved with the school.

The reason for this decision is that the governors felt this was a unique opportunity in the life of the schools to reorganise and restructure the schools for the benefit of the children.

The school decided against amalgamation three years ago, but the time is now right to amalgamate.

For the consultation process, the turnout for the parent consultation meetings was very low, and the concerns were around more information regarding the consultation process itself. The views of the parents were broadly neutral. The staff were in favour of the amalgamation, and the governors were unanimous in their decision to amalgamate. A summary of the results of the consultation has been forwarded to Chris Melly.

There were some concerns raised by stakeholders and these will be considered and taken into account during the next stage of the amalgamation process.

I understand that the next steps are to make a formal representation to Cabinet at their meeting in July, and I trust you will do this on behalf of Longfield Middle School.

Yours Sincerely

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**Mr. D. Umeria**  
**Chair of Governors Longfield Middle School.**