

**DATE: 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2019**

Dear parents/carers,

***Can you help shape the future of our Trust and its academies?***

We need parents of pupils registered at our academies to make a difference in our communities by volunteering to become **parent members**.

As a Trust we currently have 29 primary academies across the North of England. These are situated in three geographical hubs; Northern, Eastern and Western hub. As a Trust we are changing our governance structure from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019, this will mean that our current Local Governing Bodies will cease to operate on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 and will be replaced by 11 Academy Improvement Committees. These committees will oversee no more than three academies per committee.

We are currently recruiting **two** parent members for the committee which will oversee **Endeavour Primary Academy, Godley Primary Academy and Dowson Primary Academy Hyde**.

Your voice as a parent is very important to our Trust and it is vital that the Academy Improvement Committee has good representation by our parents among its membership.

**What can you offer as a parent member?**

- Enthusiasm, time and commitment.
- Your local knowledge will be valuable: you will have a feel for what is important to people.
- Any professional or other skills you may have will be very helpful.
- An openness to learning and change and wanting to make a difference.
- Governors also provide objectivity in debate and can add further and different perspectives to academy matters.

**What it means to be a parent member for the Trust...**

- Participate in at least one enquiry per academy per year
- Be available to participate in recruitment across the academies
- Participate in academy events such as parents evenings
- Attend all Development Sessions which the Trust offer
- Offer attendance at appeal hearings such as Admissions, Independent Review Panels, Grievances and Disciplinary Hearings.

**If you are interested in volunteering, here's what you should do ...**

- 1) Request a Parent Election Pack from your academy office or visit the Trust website; [www.enquirelearningtrust.org/governance](http://www.enquirelearningtrust.org/governance)
- 2) ***Please ensure that your completed nomination form is returned to the school by 12.00 NOON on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019.*** There is a Nomination Box in the academy Reception area for the collection of nominations.
- 3) Please check that you are eligible to stand as a parent governor (details can be found in the Parent Election Pack.
- 4) All appointments are subject to enhanced DBS checks.

If you have any questions please contact Liz Thompson, Director of Governance and Development on 01924 792960

Or

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