



ESPRIT Multi Academy Trust  
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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to you to update you about some governance changes at ESPRIT multi academy trust.

Historically, we have had a team of governors in each of our schools. These governors have worked hard to ensure that our pupils are benefitting from the very best educational experience. Over the last year, it has been very hard to recruit governors. This has meant that some meetings have had to be cancelled or decisions cannot be made.

As we prepare to join the Co-operative Academies Trust it is important that we can make decisions in a timely and efficient way. For this reason, we have decided to disband our local tier of governance - temporarily - until we have completed the transfer. Trustees will continue to support and challenge school leaders to ensure that - whilst work progresses in the background to join the Co-op - the experience of your son/daughter can continue to be our main focus.

Parents/carers should be represented on our Board; please consider nominating yourself for a Trustee position. We would be particularly interested in anyone with legal or human resources expertise. Please contact us at [enquire@espritmat.org](mailto:enquire@espritmat.org) for more information on the election process.



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We know that the Co-op places a huge emphasis on having a local governance model that ensures parents, carers and local community members have strong representation and involvement in school life. They will support us to reinvigorate our local tier of governance if and when we join in circa Easter 2024.

Yours Faithfully

Paul Atkins  
Chair of Trustees

Stephanie Moran  
Chief Executive Officer

Shirley Carrigan  
Principal  
Grove Academy  
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Yvonne Glaister  
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