



Dear Parent/Carer

It is with a heavy heart and profound sense of loss that I am having to inform you of the passing away of one of our most dedicated and long serving members of the school and Trust, Mrs Mary Martin.

Mary was not just a governor and trustee; she was the heartbeat of our Academy. Her presence, wisdom, and unwavering dedication spanned over decades, leaving an indelible mark on the fabric of our institution. Her journey with us was one of immense significance, characterized by her deep empathy for the most vulnerable amongst us.

Mary's life was a testament to her resilience and compassion. As a midwife, she brought new life into the world, nurturing and caring for families with boundless love. As a parent, she understood the importance of education and the nurturing of young minds. And as a firecracker of a woman, with a heart as big as the sun, she blazed a trail of kindness and support wherever she went.

Her stature may have been small, but her impact was monumental. Mary was a stalwart advocate for those in need, a wise counsellor for those seeking guidance, and a fierce defender of justice. Her nickname, 'Miss. Marple', encapsulated her gentle exterior and her tenacious spirit when it came to righting wrongs and championing what was fair and just.

Through her years of service as Chair of Governors and beyond, Mary embodied the qualities of a true leader: hardworking, knowledgeable, experienced, and unwaveringly supportive. Her contributions, particularly in the field of special educational needs and safeguarding, were invaluable, shaping the educational landscape of our Academy for generations to come.

As we mourn her passing, let us also celebrate the extraordinary life of Mary Martin. Let us honour her memory by continuing the work she held dear, by advocating for the vulnerable, by striving for excellence, and by fostering a community where every individual is valued and supported.

To Mary's family, we offer our deepest condolences and hope that they can take some comfort in the knowledge that Mary leaves behind a legacy that will endure for years to come, touching the lives of countless individuals that she has touched with her kindness and dedication.

May Mary rest in peace, knowing that her spirit lives on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Thank you.

**Mrs G. F. Gorman**  
Principal