



Dear Parents,

Local Academy Council - new members invited

As you know, we are the founder school in Endeavour Learning Multi Academy Trust (MAT). Our family of schools includes Tarleton Academy, Burscough Priory Academy and Wellfield High School, with Churchtown Primary in Sefton joining our MAT soon. Since September 2017, the governance of our school has changed slightly as we introduced the new Local Governing Board to take over the day to day involvement with the school, whilst the Trust board oversees the schools within the Trust.

Since then, and in order to better define the role, the name of the local board has changed slightly to become a Local Academy Council. The primary function of the Local Academy Councils (LACs) is to support, mentor and critically appraise the quality of the work of the Academy leadership in meeting the overall aims of the Multi Academy Trust (MAT), particularly in ensuring that the students and staff in the school are given every opportunity to thrive and achieve their best.

Our LAC is made up of staff, current parents, parents of recent TA leavers and other people with various expertise who want the very best for our school. They meet roughly 5 times a year, generally on Tuesdays at 5pm, as well as attending training events and coming into school occasionally to see how things are going. Local Academy Councillors may be elected or co-opted onto the board, and we are now looking to co-opt people to join us in our work.

The board takes an annual audit and, through that audit, we have identified the following areas for which we would like to expand our skills;

- risk (the prioritisation, assessment and mitigating of risk)
- legal issues in school settings
- change management (by way of overseeing a merger or an organisational restructure)
- school sector human resources policy and processes.

If you have experience of any of these areas, and would like to be involved in helping our students and staff to continue to flourish, please get in touch by emailing h.dicker@tarletonacademy.org. Applicants do not need to be current parents at the school, so please feel free to share this information with anyone you may feel might be interested in joining us.

Kind regards,

Helen Dicker MBE

Chair of Tarleton Academy LAC and Chair of Trustees, Endeavour Learning Trust

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