**DATE: 1ST 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 1st September 2019, this will mean that our current Local Governing Bodies will cease to operate on the 31st 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 **Hardwick Green Primary Academy Stockton on Tees, Harrow Gate Primary Academy Stockton on Tees and Yarm Primary Stockton on Tees.**

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 from is returned to the school by* 12.00 NOON on 15th 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

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