

4th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide you with an update on Governance. As you may already be aware our school/college is governed in two ways by Ninestiles Academy Trust: by the Board of Trustees, and currently by a joint **Academy Council** covering two schools/college.

At the Board of Trustee meeting on Tuesday 8th May 2018, the Board of Trustees of the Trust voted in favour of restructuring the local Governance model. We have found over this academic year, that the joint Academy Council model does not allow enough time to be dedicated to each school or college in the Trust and we hope the plan to move to single 'Local Governing Bodies', one per school/college, will enable Governors to provide more rigorous support and challenge. We hope that the change in name, from Academy Council to **Local Governing Body (LGB)**, also provides more clarity around the role.

We really need more parents to join our **Local Governing Body**. It's a very important group, which meets at least 3 times a year, to support and challenge school leaders, and to ensure that standards are as good as they should be. In addition to this, Governor's visit the schools to check how leaders are working on things like safeguarding, behaviour, and the progress of SEND pupils. We also offer training and support in the role.

It is a voluntary role, but a crucial one, and if appointed we ask for a firm commitment to attend meetings and relevant events and training. Importantly, you don't need to have a background in education! Your interest in, and commitment to your child's education, and the perspective you bring as a parent is extremely valuable, along with any other particular skills you may have.

If you think you might be interested in joining our Local Governing Body from September 2018, please could we ask that you provide an expression of interest which details a bit about yourself.

Please send expressions of interest by Friday 22nd June to:

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Yours sincerely,

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