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Dear Parent/Carer,

Local School Advisory Boards

I am writing to you to ask you to consider becoming more involved in the development of your child's school as part of the newly established Local Schools Advisory Board (LSAB).

The Trust board has decided to change the way governance across all its schools is managed in order to secure more meaningful engagement from all stakeholders. The establishment of a LSAB at each school is part of that process. The local boards will replace Local Governing Bodies and have a different remit. The Trust board will manage and monitor educational outcomes, finance and audit, HR, and Ofsted, allowing LSABs to focus on the crucial areas below.

The key areas of work for the LSAB would be:

- Promote reputation and impact in the local community;
- Evaluate staff and parental survey results and develop actions with the school that yield measurable improvements;
- Provide feedback on and support school policy development and implementation;
- Act as a critical friend and sounding board for new ideas and/or developments;
- Support the Headteacher in developing and securing the school's own ethos, in line with the vision and ethos of the Trust;
- To support HR panels and student disciplinary panels as necessary;
- Provide feedback to the Trust Board about key local issues.

There will be three meetings of the board each year, chaired by the Headteacher focusing on the areas outlined above along with any key local issues to your school.

As you know, one of the founding principles of SWECET is that schools must retain their unique identity whilst working together to raise standards. This principle remains as resolute as ever and as such the importance of local context in relation to school improvement remains crucial. Clearly as a parent you are one of the most important stakeholders who can provide this contextual support.

If you would like to find out more, all I would ask you to do at this stage is to provide an expression of interest by email to Peter Melville, Chief Operating Officer, by the 5th January 2018 via email at melvillep@swecet.org

Your email does not commit you to anything other than to be invited to a presentation giving more information about what being a member of the LSAB involves.

Finally, on behalf of everyone involved in SWECET, please accept my sincere thanks for your continued support of our schools.

Yours faithfully,

Steve Munday
Chief Executive Officer