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Dear Parents and Carers

An update on our school governance.

I am writing to let you know about an important and positive development in the way our school will be supported and governed as part of Anglian Learning.

From January 2027, Local Governing Bodies across Anglian Learning will evolve into School and Community Councils (SCCs).

This follows a Trust-wide review of governance involving governors, school leaders and Trust colleagues, and reflects the way the responsibilities of schools and multi-academy trusts have developed over recent years.

The change is designed to create a clearer and more effective governance structure, while strengthening the important connection between each school and the community it serves. This will reduce duplicated reporting for school leaders and give them more time to focus on the things that matter most: providing an excellent education, supporting pupils and staff, and continuing to improve our school.

Under the new arrangements, formal accountability for educational performance will sit more clearly with Anglian Learning's Trust Board, supported by its Directors of Education – as it already does at the moment.

At the same time, our new School and Community Council will retain an important local role. Its focus will be on the areas where local knowledge, insight and relationships can have the greatest impact, including:

- ensuring our school continues to reflect its ethos and values
- supporting and championing inclusion
- listening to the views of parents, pupils, staff and the wider community
- strengthening links between the school and its local community
- providing constructive support to school leaders

The Council will also continue to be kept informed about the school's performance and will work closely with both school leaders, while also receiving updates about the work of Anglian Learning.

For parents, carers and pupils, there should be no noticeable changes on a day-to-day basis. There will still be 2 elected parents on the SCC, and there will be opportunities for other parents to join. We hope the most noticeable benefit will be a governance structure that is clearer, more focused and even more connected to the school community.

This is an evolution of our existing arrangements rather than a move away from local involvement. We greatly value the contribution our governors have made to the school and hope that their experience, knowledge and commitment will continue to play an important part in the new School and Community Council.

Over the coming months, Anglian Learning will work with school leaders and governors to finalise the arrangements ahead of the transition in January, and further updates on progress towards the SCC will be provided throughout the term.

We are excited about the opportunities this creates to strengthen our school further, while ensuring that our leadership team can remain firmly focused on achieving the very best for every child.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely





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