



## LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

## NEWSLETTER – March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter from the Local Governance Committee at Maltby Manor Academy. The aim of our termly newsletters is to share the work of the committee with families, providing you with a better understanding of who we are and how we work with the Academy, the Trust and the community to support our families and the education they receive.

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself as Chair of the Local Governance Committee. I took up this role in October 2023 and have been actively involved in meetings, interviews, training and visits to the Academy. Previously, I have worked in primary schools across Rotherham, Doncaster and Scunthorpe as a teacher and as a school leader. This included twelve years as a Head Teacher and Executive Head Teacher. Throughout my time, I have always worked hard to ensure the best opportunities were being provided for the children in those schools so that there were consistently high expectations, with no ceiling on ambitions. My vision closely aligns with that of Maltby Learning Trust, so it was a great opportunity to be invited to be involved as Chair at Manor and Lilly Hall. Since semi-retiring in 2022, I have worked with trainee teachers in a mentoring capacity; provided curriculum consultancy for schools around the UK and internationally; spent some time back in the classroom and provided tuition for children from the age of six to fifteen. I am also Secretary for a local charity.

I look forward to meeting some of you at the forthcoming open evening and to working with the Academy over the coming months and years.

Jonathan Moody  
**Chair of the Local Governance Committee**

## Planning for 2023 - 2024

Governors have three core functions - Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent. In the autumn term there is always a much stronger focus on the first of these as the strategy and planning for the year need to be approved by Governors. At the start of the term, Governors spent considerable time on the Academy Development Plan, a comprehensive document which also includes the areas identified for Trust-wide development each year. This discussion was informed by scrutiny of the Academy's evaluation activity including pupil performance outcomes at the end of the previous year. Governor visits during this year will be linked to the Manor improvement priorities that staff have already been working on since September, and progress discussed in our meetings.

# Ensuring a high standard of governance practice

Importantly at the start of each school year, all Governors are required to re-confirm their commitment to the MLT Code of Conduct for Governors. This document sets out the expectations for all Governors and is closely linked to the Seven Nolan Principles for all those in public office:

- Selflessness
- Integrity
- Objectivity
- Accountability
- Openness
- Honesty
- Leadership

This Code ensures that governance is conducted to the highest possible standard. Governors care deeply about Manor children, their learning and all those staff who contribute to this. Being a governor is one way to contribute to shaping how Maltby Manor Primary Academy responds to the challenges of continuous improvement.

## Parent Survey

Next week, at the open evening, we will be sharing our annual survey of parents and carers. We will be using the questions used by Ofsted to gather views about how the Academy is progressing. We kindly request that you take a few minutes while visiting the school next week to see your child's teacher to answer these few questions. We are focused on strategic matters and so will analyse the responses accordingly. Feedback will be provided to the Academy and we will also share details of the findings with you through our next newsletter and the website.

Thank you in advance for your help with this.

## With best wishes to you all from members of the Local Governance Committee

### MEMBERS OF YOUR LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AT MALTBY LILLY HALL ACADEMY

Community Governors, the Chair & Vice-Chair are all appointed by the Maltby Learning Trust Board in consultation with the LGC.

<b>Elected Parent Governors</b> Natalie McCaffery - Phonics and early reading Robbie Love	<b>Community Governors</b> Jonathan Moody – Chair; Pupil Premium; Attainment and Progress Liz Best – Behaviour and Attendance; Personal Development Andrea Nuttall - Quality of Education KS1 Sara Graham – SEND Kirsty Leahy – Safeguarding	<b>Elected Staff Governors</b> Karen Maddison Nikki Hollinger – Staffing and Wellbeing
<b>Lilly Hall Partnership Governors from Maltby Manor Academy</b> Rachael Claxton - Staffing and Wellbeing Alice Denton – Mathematics Cliff Meese – Vice Chair; Chair of the Raising Attainment Committee Health and Safety Claire Hannington - Looked after children Richard Pease  <b>Cat Wilby – Academy Principal</b>		<b>Additional Governors (MLT Leaders joining LGC's)</b> Sam Boon – Quality of Education KS2 Rob Wordsworth

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