

**July 2023**

Dear Families,

### **Local Academy Boards**

We are excited to announce changes to our local governance structure. Our change ties into the concept of community anchoring, where the academy is at the heart of the community and everyone has shared responsibility to provide a safe, healthy environment for our children to develop.

The name of the local governing body will change to local academy board and members of this board will be called ambassadors. It is essential the children in our care feel that they are represented by role models they can relate to, and ambassadors will be representative of the parents, students and staff in the academy. Furthermore, they will work with community groups and leaders to strengthen ties in the area. Through these links, they will be able to raise awareness and lobby local community leadership to highlight the challenges that our families face and work to seek solutions.

In addition to ensuring our students leave our academies equipped for higher education and high-quality jobs, we also want to demonstrate the need for civic responsibility and our ambassadors will provide this. If you would like to be part of the local academy board and take on this new and exciting role please contact Kathryn Berrill, Head of Governance and Executive Services on [kberrill@dixonsat.com](mailto:kberrill@dixonsat.com).

Yours faithfully,



Stephen Garvey  
**Principal**

