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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Changes in local school governance framework - seeking parents to work with the school in new local governance Advocate network**

From the start of the next academic year, local governance in all ATLP schools including John Willmott School will be changing. As the governance needs of the trust have changed over the last five years, particularly due to growth and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ATLP Trust Board has been committed to finding a new way to maintain strong, meaningful links across schools and their communities. From September 2022, the existing 'local school governor' and 'local governing body' framework is going to be replaced with the introduction of school advocate roles, which will work with both individual schools and across the ATLP family of schools to help drive and ensure collective improvement and excellence. Each school advocate role has specific advisory responsibilities, and as a result of advocates liaising with both their local school associates and their skillset peers in advocate committees; local schools and ATLP as a whole will benefit from increased communication and consultation opportunities and more informed decision-making processes.

Each school/group of schools will be supported by 4 talented individuals, each of whom will provide advice, assistance and oversight in one of the specific areas listed below:

- Safeguarding
- Vulnerable Children
- Community engagement
- Support and Challenge

John Willmott School is currently looking for people to work with us as our school advocates in the following roles; Vulnerable Children and Community Engagement. We are looking for people who are excited to help us deliver the very best for our children, their families and our community, and are particularly hopeful that parents may be willing to step forward into these roles. Training for all roles will be provided, what's most important is your willingness to commit time, energy and care towards the school community. Advocates will be appointed for a term of 4 years and work closely with the school leadership to advance the opportunities for students and their schools and help ensure the school is as strong as it can be.

The roles require a time commitment of approximately 30-40 hours per year, broken down into meeting attendance, preparation, email/telephone communications and training. If you are interested in finding out more about the role, we would love to hear from you so please see the details inside the [recruitment pack](#) and complete an [expression of interest form](#); or contact the school office.

Kind Regards

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**Acting Headteacher**