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Dear Parent/Carer

STAR MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST BOARD VACANCY

I am writing to you as we are currently recruiting to our Trust Board.

We are so proud of our Trust and how it has supported our young people and families over these most challenging of times. However, working with over 4,000 pupils, in eleven schools and nearly 600 staff is a constantly evolving and demanding environment. As multi academy trusts have grown and developed over the last few years, one thing has become abundantly clear: the quality of a Trust's Board is fundamental to its success.

The role of the Trustee is to work with the Chief Executive Officer (in our case our CEO is a Chief Education Officer), leadership team and other Trustees to develop the Trust's strategic vision, values and ethos. Trustees monitor, challenge and support the CEO and leadership team, understanding the challenges and pressures on schools and helping leaders navigate these issues with sensitivity, optimism and ambition. They act with integrity and honesty in all their dealings with the schools.

Does this sound like you? The MAT Board meets through full board and committee meetings in Tadcaster, Sherburn and virtually, with additional committee meetings from time to time. We are currently inviting applications for Trustee appointment.

We are particularly looking for individuals with a commitment to the Trust's vision and values, who have a broad experience of managing within large organisations, and who are excited about improving outcomes for young people. Understanding of and background in educational settings, including secondary, are particularly welcome. But more than that, we want Trustees who are prepared to aspire - people who care about the Trust's vision for children's futures. People who are aligned with our values and who are motivated to make a difference. If you would like to know more, you can visit our website at www.starmat.uk to find out more information about the Trust; and you might like to assess the possible "fit" by looking at the skills audit for MAT Trustees provided by the National Governors' Association www.nga.org.uk/Guidance/Workings-Of-The-Governing-Body/Governance-Tools/Skills-Audit.aspx. If you are still interested, we would love to hear from you: please email c.earl@starmat.uk with a brief CV and a covering letter explaining the skills and experience you could bring to the Trust Board, marking your communication 'Trustee Recruitment.' The closing date for applications is Friday 10th December 2021 at midday.

Thank you in advance for your interest in considering this opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

Nick Sheppard

Vice-Chair of Trustees
The STAR Multi-Academy Trust