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**To parents, carers and members of the local community**

The Local Governing Body (LGB) at Etonbury Academy are a group of volunteers from across the local community who work to monitor and promote school excellence, pupil achievement, progress and performance. The LGB is comprised of parents, local community residents, staff and BEST representatives.

A key function of the LGB is to hold the school accountable for policy, performance, finance and progress. To do this, members meet multiple times a year as a full governing body and as smaller working groups and committees. Currently the schedule involves;

- Full governing board meetings
- Performance committee meetings
- Finance committee meetings
- Inclusion working group meetings
- Governor planning days
- And support functions for BEST, such as being representatives on exclusion panels

As a team over the past 18-months, in response to the recent OFSTED report, the LGB has gone through a series of reviews and development changes to push forward excellence in governance at Etonbury. This effort has contributed to BEST being the first Multi-Academy Trust being awarded with a 'Governor Mark' – a gold-star recognition.

*'The Etonbury Governing Body is an able, well-focused local governing body with a clear commitment to the academy and the children who attend.'* – quote from the Governor Mark assessment team.

In September, the LGB met for a full-day to plan the calendar of activities and set objectives for the academic year ahead. Areas covered included school visits, student voice, SEN, pupil premium, performance reviews, leadership, policy review and working with BEST. Governors regularly attend training and recently met with other Governing Bodies from across BEST for a Governance Day.

All Etonbury Governors are highly committed to the school and students. If you would like to contact the Etonbury Local Governing Body or have any questions, please email the Chair of Governors, Sarah Bygrave ([sbygrave@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:sbygrave@bestacademies.org.uk))

Your sincerely,

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