

SCA/BDA

23 October 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

**Parent Local Advisory Group Member**

The school is seeking nominations to fill **one** parent representative place on the North Gosforth Academy Local Advisory Group. The term of office will be for a period of three years from 1st December 2020. This Local Advisory Group serves North Gosforth Academy which is part of the Gosforth Group Multi Academy Trust.

Local Advisory Group Members are volunteers, from a wide variety of backgrounds, who have an interest in influencing education for the children in their local community. They work in partnership with the school staff to provide the highest possible standards of education and to help all children reach their potential. They also provide challenge and accountability by:

- 1) Holding school leaders to account for high standards of achievement in
  - Academy performance
  - Behaviour
  - Attendance
  - Staff performance
- 2) Managing the school's financial resources
  - Monitoring of allocated school budget
- 3) Providing an important link to Trustees
- 4) Any other delegated responsibilities as directed by Trustees

As a Local Advisory Group Member you have an opportunity to take a full and active part in the work of the Local Advisory Group. However, it is important to understand that you would be a representative of the whole parent body and not representing any particular group of parents. As such you will not have a mandate or a specific constituency.

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Although the above responsibilities are considerable, I hope you will consider seeking appointment to be a Parent Local Advisory Group Member.

### **The nomination process**

Please find enclosed a nomination form. When submitting nominations, the following points should be noted:

- To be eligible to take part in the nomination / election process, an individual must be included on the school's admissions register as being the parent or carer of a child attending the school now.
- You can put yourself forward by completing the attached nomination form and asking a parent/carer of another child at the school to second your self-nomination. The nominee must also be a parent or carer of a child who is currently on roll at North Gosforth Academy. You should also complete the personal statement. All nominations must be returned to Beth Davies on [beth.davies@northgosforth.co.uk](mailto:beth.davies@northgosforth.co.uk) or to North Gosforth Academy, Dudley Lane, Seaton Burn, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE13 6EJ by **12 noon on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020**.
- People who are bankrupt or have criminal convictions may not serve on a Local Advisory Group. These and the other circumstances disqualifying individuals from holding office as group members are set out in full in the School Government Regulations. Further information is available if required.

### **Additional useful information**

The structure of the Local Advisory Group will consist of a maximum of 9 Members:

2 Parent Members

2 Staff Members

5 Community Members

Principal – Mr Steve Campbell

The Local Advisory Group is scheduled to meet six times during the academic year. We also have a Parents' Forum which meets once per term. This is a forum to which all parents are invited and is a good opportunity for the parent body to be briefed on current educational topics by school managers.

Nominations are being sought from parents and carers of pupils who are on roll in Years 7 to Year 11 of North Gosforth Academy. Following this process an election will be held during the autumn term so that the Parent Local Advisory Group Members can be appointed in preparation for the 1st December 2020.

I hope this information is helpful. However if you have any queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me on the number above.

Yours faithfully



Christine Edwardson  
Company Secretary