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Dear Parents/Carers,

Vacancy for a member of the School Performance Review Board

Pontefract Academies Trust is a multi-academy trust educating around 3,700 young people in Pontefract, comprising of two secondary schools and six primary schools. As a Trust we are always keen to welcome School Performance Review Board ('SPRB') members who are committed and passionate about the local community, as well as the children and young people in our area. Most of our members have links with the local community, some live and work in Pontefract.

At Pontefract Academies Trust we are looking to include and involve people from a variety of backgrounds and different ages and cultures. We aim to attract individuals from various job roles and levels, with experience and expertise in financial or legal practice, business management, marketing, social work and charity work. We also have two positions on each SPRB for current parents/carers. The list above is not exhaustive, the more experience one holds, the better placed you would be to make a difference to the lives of the children within our Trust. The role is voluntary, but comes with ample rewards. A full training programme is in place to support you in your new role.

How does being a SPRB member benefit you?

- A chance for you to give something back and make an impact to the local community.
- Develop skills in a professional board environment.
- Gain access to training, resources and experiences that are transferable to your professional life.
- Use your own professional expertise and skill-set to support the work of the schools.
- Provide a valuable stakeholder perspective and contribute to your local community.

Key responsibilities of a SPRB member:

- To provide independent challenge to the schools' leadership, primarily in respect of pupil performance, the quality of the school experience and execution of the School Improvement Plan.
- Recommendation of school targets to the Trust Board.
- Overview and feedback to the Trust Board on the School Improvement Plan.
- Work in partnership with the Trust and schools' leadership to ensure an active, high quality and effective programme of stakeholder and community engagement is delivered.
- You will also have a statutory role regarding pupil behaviour and reviewing exclusions, along with an oversight of complaints and the recommendation of any improvements required.
- Some members will meet with Ofsted inspectors in the key area of governance during an inspection.

For members who wish to have more involvement we have 3 linked roles which involve visiting the schools and reporting back against a list of questions you will be supplied with, in addition to any other questions you may determine yourself. Additional training for these roles is provided. The roles are:

- Safeguarding
- Pupil Premium
- Special Educational Needs

The SPRB meet 4 times a year early in the evening. Our meetings are currently taking place virtually due to Covid-19 restrictions.

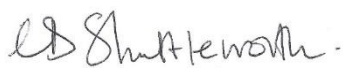
All of our schools are part of a joint board with another school in the Trust. We currently have a vacancy for a parent member on the SPRB for De Lacy Primary School and Larks Hill J&I School. The member can be a parent at either school and will bring the valuable perspective of a parent to discussions and questioning.

To register your interest please submit a letter via email to clerk@patrust.org.uk by **Friday 5th March 2021**. Your letter should outline the skills and experience you will bring to this role. A member of the Trust Board/Clerk to the Trust Board will discuss your letter with you, with the final appointment being made by the Trust Board at their meeting on 22nd March 2021.

All SPRB members are required to have a DBS check in place which will be arranged by the Trust.

I do hope this opportunity appeals to you and look forward to receiving a letter of interest.

Yours faithfully,



Ian Shuttleworth
Headteacher