



# Northern Ambition Academies Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of another school year I would like to thank you for your continued support for our schools. It has been great to feel more like 'normal' as the year has progressed.

This school year has been enormously rewarding and I hope that you agree, we continue to work hard to provide the very best for your children. I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with a number of pupils this year, from all of our schools, and I am always astonished at just how respectful and hardworking they are. We have also seen a number of our staff successfully completing professional qualifications to support them in being even more effective in their roles. I am very proud of all of our young people, and all of our staff.

I am delighted to say that we have now selected our Trust Pupil Council for 22/23 and I look forward to working with this group of pupils (from Y5 to Y13) to further improve the experience of school for all of our young people. They will be the voice for their peers and are very proud to be so.

As we think ahead to the next school year, we have many priorities, but a key focus for us is to improve pupil attendance to all of our schools. Sadly, our attendance figures have declined since the pandemic and we urgently need to work with you to improve this. This has also now become a national concern as all schools see a fall in attendance levels. You will be receiving a lot more communication from your schools about how we intend to do this, but the key message for us all, is that pupil attendance is everyone's responsibility. When our pupils are not in school, we will become concerned and will immediately contact you to find out where your child is. This is not because we want to pester you, this is because we have a duty of care and want your child to have the same opportunities as those children in school. We must work together if we are to achieve our aim. I am really pleased that the parent and carer forum, established last year, has put forward some excellent ideas as to how we can better engage and support parents and carers, especially if you struggle to get your child to school. Again, we will be communicating how we intend to do this as well as updating you on our new attendance policy over the coming weeks.

### **School calendar 2022/23 - Reminder**

For those of you who wish to book holidays for next summer and during the academic year 2022/23, please refer to the published calendars on your child's school website. It is vitally important that term time holidays are avoided and that parents/carers understand that requests for these will be declined. Inset days for the Trust are also available via your school website.

Plans for the start of the autumn term in September will be sent to you by your child's school.

### **Parent and Carer Forum**

Here at Northern Ambition Academies Trust we are committed to Parents and Carers being involved in school life. We have recently established a Parents and Carers forum and would love for you to take part! If you are interested, please email [iparkinson@northernambition.org.uk](mailto:iparkinson@northernambition.org.uk) for more details.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer period. We look forward to welcoming our young people back in September.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Fairhurst'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'E' being particularly large and stylized.

**Elizabeth Fairhurst**

*Chief Executive*

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