



Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parents/Carers

Atlantic Parent Forum

The board of Aspirations Academies Trust have agreed changes to governance arrangements for each academy within the Trust. Under the new arrangements, the Local Advisory Board (LAB) will cease to exist, with all governance responsibility moving to a new Regional Advisory Board. The Regional Advisory Board (RAB) in this area will consist of parent and community governors, trust board members, central team staff and local academy principals. In this region the RAB will take on all governance responsibility for Atlantic, Bovington, Budmouth, Magna, Ocean and Jewell.

Information on our new governance arrangements is available on our website. We believe an external voice on the decisions we make for our pupils and community is vitally important; it provides us with a different perspective and, as a result, improves the way we run the school. To maintain the important local voice we have had from our LAB we are looking to form, in place of the LAB, the Atlantic Parent Forum. This new forum will discuss and advise on school related issues, informing the decision-making process within the school and helping guide the school into the future. While the new forum will have no governance responsibilities, it will be a formal body with registered members and minuted meetings.

The Aspirations board set the end of this academic year as the proposed date by which new arrangements would come into effect. We have decided to dissolve the LAB and set up the Atlantic Parent Forum to include existing members as well as new members at the earliest opportunity. We would like to invite parents to be part of a partnership between the community and the school. We are looking for parents that are effective communicators and willing to be a positive voice and advocate for us and help continue to build positive relationships between the Academy and the Community.

We are therefore looking for members of our community (e.g. primary and secondary parents, staff, local residents and business owners and employees) to join our Atlantic Parent Forum. You will need only to commit to five meetings a year, once each half-term on a **Thursday, 9-11am**, and to agree to the school's code of conduct.

Thank you to those parents who have already expressed interest in the Parent Forum. Applications are still open. If you are interested in becoming a member of the new parent forum, [please complete the form on this link](#) by Friday 8th March 2020. Please arrange to speak to Mrs Hendrie or Mrs Hill if you have any questions or would like any further information.

Yours faithfully

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