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Dear Family

Thorns Collegiate Academy Standards and Performance Committee Appointment of Family Governors

As you are aware, as of 1st September 2017, Thorns Community College will become part of the Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust and consequently become Thorns Collegiate Academy.

At present Thorns Community College has a Local Governing Body. In order to comply with the Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust Governance Structure and Articles of Association, the Academisation of Thorns will see the dissolution of the current Local Governing Body and the introduction of the Standards and Performance Committee (SPC).

Strong and effective governance has played a vital part in the success of our trust and I am confident that this will continue at Thorns. Under the new arrangements for governance, the Standards and Performance Committee will have places for two Family Governors, these being for parents or guardians of registered students.

The Standards and Performance Committee supports the Trust Board and oversees the operational day to day running of the Academy. The membership of the Standards and Performance Committee include family governors as well as staff and community governors to ensure views are received from a range of stakeholders with varying interests in the Academy.

A Family Governor on the Standards and Performance Committee is expected to attend 3 governor meetings, complete 2 academy visits during the academy day and complete a governor training programme each academic year. All new governors will also be required to attend an induction session at which they will receive a number of resources, both online and written, to ensure they are able to fulfil their governor role.

Family Governors will be elected by the parents or guardians of students at the academy by means of a secret ballot. A ballot will only take place if more than two applications are received. All candidates will be notified if a ballot is to be held.

I hope that there are parents/guardians prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the Academy's performance.

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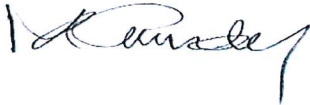
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If you would like to become a Family Governor please request an Expression of Interest form and the supporting documents from Helen Millward, Business Director, in the school office. Once completed please return to Claire Humpage at Claire.humpage@collegiateacademy.org.uk by no later than Friday, 7 July 2017. More information about Trust can also be found at www.shirelandcollegiateacademy.org.uk.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Claire Humpage at Claire.humpage@collegiateacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Grundy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sir Mark Grundy
Executive Principal
Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust