

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our role as governor's at Notley High and Braintree Sixth Form is to provide support and challenge to ensure improvement in all areas of the school. As a governing body we are independent of the school, volunteers, and we undertake the role as we are passionate about seeing the school excel. As a governing body we have been really pleased with the changes which we are seeing and the progress that has been made so far during our visits.

The visits however only provide part of the picture, other really important information comes from the students, the staff and from you as parents and carers. Without these inputs we only have part of the picture. This term we have been monitoring key areas, observing external reviews of the school, and reviewing general progress. We have also enjoyed celebrating a range of events and activities at school and of course undertaking the most rewarding part of the role: chatting to students about their experiences, hearing about their passions and what they feel can make school life even better – they really are amazing young people, with enormous potential and you should feel proud.

We hope that as parents and carers you have also noticed the progress and improvements which are being made. We have however seen a few negative social media posts expressed by a minority which we believe are not a true reflection of the school today. Many of these are historical issues that have been addressed either with the individuals concerned, or in terms of wider school approaches. None-the-less, we recognise that any negativity can have a far-reaching impact and can be damaging. Damaging to the morale of the hardworking staff who we see delivering a great job, the wider community who should be proud of their local education provision, and most importantly for the wellbeing of the students, and the pride that they have in their school, especially as they have played such a critical role in its improvement.

The information from previous surveys has proved invaluable in helping us support the school to improve. With this in mind, **could we ask you to please take a few minutes to complete the survey attached by 20<sup>th</sup> April to reflect your/your young person's views since the last survey in October.** Please complete a separate survey for each child you have at the school. We would appreciate balanced feedback on improvements you have seen, as well as what could be improved further.

### [Parent and Carer Survey Link](#)



The survey is anonymous, so we will not be able to see who has written which answers. If you would like to discuss your responses with us, please feel free to get in contact with either school directly, or the governing body via [clerk@bridgeacademytrust.org](mailto:clerk@bridgeacademytrust.org)

We would like to thank you for continuing to support NHS&BSF in creating a happy learning environment for all and we wish you a restful Easter break.



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