

16 September 2025

Subject: AQC Parent Councillor vacancies

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to invite you to consider offering your support to St Mark's as a member of its newly formed Academy Quality Council, the term that The Prospect Trust uses for its local governing bodies. AQCs are made up of parents/carers, community members and staff representatives.

The role of the AQC is to make an important contribution to the continuous improvement of our Trust's Academies, as a stakeholder reference group. AQC's are the 'critical friends' of the individual Academies and of the Trust overall. The AQC provides feedback and constructive challenge to the Academy and Trust leadership from the communities they serve in relation to the Academy's performance, ethos and local reputation.

We would like to invite parents/carers to put themselves forward for this position and if interested please email the Trust's Governance Adviser before **5pm on Friday 26 September 2025** who will arrange an initial meeting with you. Please send your email to governanceadviser@theprospecttrust.org.uk

Further information about the responsibilities of the AQC and the role of a Parent Councillor can be found in the attached Recruitment Pack.

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role.

Please note that for the protection of children, all Councillor appointments are subject to a vetting process.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Andy Yarrow
Chief Executive Officer