Southend East Community Academy Trust

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Dear Colleagues/Parents and Carers

We hope you are all well and managing to stay safe. We are only a matter of days away from Christmas, although for some I am sure it will still feel too long!

We wanted to inform you, as part of our open, transparent, and planned communications strategy, of an article that will appear in the Evening Echo tomorrow.

Five governors from the Bournes Green Junior Academy Committee have resigned following a decision to remove some of their authority as is our right to do so as a Trust Board, due to them not following processes as per our Articles of Association laid down by the DfE.

The resigning governors have chosen to send their open letter to the Evening Echo, who have given us the opportunity to respond, which we welcomed in our developed relationship with them.

Rather than have you read something in the press before you are aware, we are therefore, letting you know in advance of the publication.

The Bournes Green Junior committee continues to be quorate and is meeting this evening as planned. I am pleased to say, that as part of our ongoing work, we have been strengthening all our Academy Committees across the Trust and have had many applicants for the governor positions.

We are sure that you too will wish the school and its committee well as we move forward and put all of our continued efforts into supporting the children and families at the school, as is our core purpose.

Kind Regards and on behalf of the Trust Board

Ruth Brock

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