

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016

The Headteacher / Principal / Chair of Governors  
All Primary / Secondary / Special Schools / Academies & Colleges

Dear Colleagues

### **Communication from the Interim Learn Sheffield Board**

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable half term break and we wanted to write to you to update you on two issues relating to Learn Sheffield.

#### **Substantive Chief Executive**

We are delighted to announce that Stephen Betts has been appointed as the substantive Learn Sheffield Chief Executive. Stephen is currently our Interim CEO and his performance this year, and throughout the recruitment process, gives us great confidence for the future. We would also like to thank all of the applicants, especially those shortlisted to take part in the recruitment last Friday. It was a strong field and we are grateful for their interest in both the role and the work that we are doing.

Learn Sheffield is already having a very positive impact, as it works towards its mission to raise standards and ensure that every child has access to a great education, wherever they live in Sheffield and whatever their circumstances. We are sure that Sheffield's education community will join us in congratulating Stephen on his well-deserved appointment and supporting him, and his team, in working towards our shared objectives.

#### **AGM/EGM Date**

As we wrote earlier in the year, we had already decided that Interim Board should guide the company through its first year, taking responsibility for the company's performance in its first full year and the recruitment of the substantive Chief Executive. The Interim Board will present the first company accounts and annual report at the first Learn Sheffield AGM, in the autumn, which will be followed immediately by an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting). At the EGM the Interim Board will resign and be replaced by the first Substantive Board, elected according to our Articles.

These meetings will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016, starting at 6:30pm. We will confirm the venue, which will be in the city centre, closer to the date once we have a clear indication of the numbers attending. We will be in touch closer to the time to provide more information about the process by which the Substantive Board will be elected.

Learn Sheffield has made rapid progress during its first year and we have been delighted to see the membership now exceed seventy percent of Sheffield schools and colleges. Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you during the remainder of this school year.

Yours sincerely,

The Interim Board of Learn Sheffield

*Mike Allen (co-opted school governor)*

*David Bowes (nominated by the Secondary School sector)*

*Dean Linkhorn (nominated by the Specialist School sector)*

*Councillor Geoff Smith (nominated by Sheffield City Council)*

*Paul Stockley (nominated by the Primary School sector)*

*& Darren Tidmarsh (nominated by Sheffield College and the Chair of the Board)*