

To all parents, staff, governors and interested stakeholders across the  
Westcountry Schools Trust

1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

I hope you enjoyed a break over the summer.

Westcountry Schools Trust (WeST) is preparing to change the way its schools are governed. From 1st January 2023 we will create four hub advisory boards. These hub advisory boards will replace our local governing bodies.

Our local governing bodies have done a fantastic job, but our governance structure needs to change. It needs to better meet the demands of our communities and our 26 schools.

You can be an active member of one of our hubs. We are looking for parents, staff, and other members of our school communities. We especially want to hear from groups that have been under-represented on governing bodies.

We want to appoint hub advisory board (HAB) members from a range of different backgrounds. You may be a parent running a busy house, be retired, be pursuing a career, working in the private or public sectors.

This is your chance to influence the vision and direction of Westcountry Schools Trust. Hub advisory boards will meet three times a year. They will consider safeguarding, the curriculum, provision for children with additional needs, finance, school premises and WeST Strategy. You may also volunteer to be a member of one of the WeST committees.

Full training will be given. There will be a whole day of induction and training on 24 November 2022, when you will meet our executive team, learn what WeST does, and complete safeguarding training.

Do please consider applying for one of these exciting roles. This is your chance to be a voice for our 14,000 pupils.

You can find more details of how to apply, together with an application form [here](#).

Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



Iain Grafton  
Chair of the WeST Trust Board