Wednesday 27th January 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 a good start to the term and we wanted to write to you to update you on a number of issues relating to the Interim Learn Sheffield Board.

Firstly, we are delighted to welcome Mike Allen as a co-opted member of the board, following the recruitment we carried out last term. Mike is an experienced school governor with a wealth of education and business experience, and we feel sure that he will be a strong addition to the Interim Board.

We are now tasked with the responsibility for the recruitment of a substantive Chief Executive to take Learn Sheffield forward into the future. It is our intention to complete this task during the spring term and we will keep you informed about this process.

Finally, we would also like to update you on the decisions that we have made about the move from an Interim to a Substantive Board, which was originally planned to take place around the same time as the recruitment of the Chief Executive. We have decided that we should, instead, 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 now present the first company accounts and annual report at the first Learn Sheffield AGM, in the autumn of 2016, 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. We will be in touch later this term with the date for the AGM/EGM and more information about the process by which the Substantive Board will be elected.

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

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)*