Friday 18th March 2016

The Staff and Governors

All Primary / Secondary / Special Schools / Academies & Colleges

Dear Colleagues

**Communication from Learn Sheffield**

As we come to the end of the second term of this school year we wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to Learn Sheffield.

Learn Sheffield was created last summer following the recommendations of a working group which contained representatives of different stakeholders in Sheffield’s education system. It is a schools’ company which is owned 80% by Sheffield’s schools and colleges and 20% by Sheffield City Council. Learn Sheffield is a not for profit organisation, with any surplus generated being reinvested in Sheffield school improvement.

The main focus of Learn Sheffield during its first few months has been the delivery of the commission we have been given by Sheffield City Council to deliver the statutory duties relating to the support and challenge of schools. You can read more about Learn Sheffield on our website ([www.learnsheffield.co.uk](http://www.learnsheffield.co.uk)), where you will find our [Prospectus](http://www.learnsheffield.co.uk/prospectus/) and the [Spring Update](http://www.learnsheffield.co.uk/AboutUs/OurWork), which gives a flavour of the work that we have been doing.

We would like to thank the school leaders and Chairs of Governors who have passed this letter on to you; many of them are already working closely with us to shape our future plans. We will communicate with you regularly in the future but the best way to keep in touch with what we are doing is by following us on twitter ([@learnsheffield](https://twitter.com/@learnsheffield)). Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we hope that you all have a well-earned Easter break.

Yours Sincerely

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