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Dear Parent/Guardian

Knowsley Community College

I am writing to you on behalf of the Governing Body.

As a Parent/Guardian, you are a key stakeholder in the College and its mission. I am writing to provide some information about changes in the Further Education Sector and the options the changes present to the College. I am keen to get your views and there is a link provided to provide feedback.

It is important for you to understand that whatever options are chosen as the way forward, our students will see very little or no change to their studies or future studies with the College.

In December 2015, Knowsley Community College commissioned a Structure and Prospects Appraisal.

The College commissioned an external company to undertake this work and the report was received by the Governors Body on the 12th February 2016. The report sets out a range of future options for the College.

The decision to commission a Structure and Prospects Appraisal was taken to ensure that the Governing Body had clarity with regard to all the options open to the College ahead of an Area Based Review – scheduled for the Liverpool City Region in April/ May 2016.

The Governing Body has accountability to ensure that the College continues to provide great education and training to our local community, access to resources to support all individuals to achieve, responsive and effective working relationships with all partners and employers and a culture of enterprise to ensure all our students are equipped for the changing world of work. The College also has an overarching responsibility to maintain strong finances in order to sustain and grow the opportunities we provide for our local community.

The Further Education Sector continues to experience year on year cuts to funding and although Knowsley Community College delivers high quality provision to the

communities we serve, it is clear that financial pressures will present ongoing challenges to the delivery of our mission.

In light of the outcomes of the Structure and Prospects Appraisal report and ongoing cuts to funding, the Governing Body has taken the decision to consult its stakeholders on the following options for the future of the College:

OPTION 1 Status quo (no change to the College's current structural arrangements) continuing to serve the local and wider communities.

OPTION 2 Merger with local College(s) to create a bigger more sustainable business unit more resilient to future financial challenges. The new organisation to continue to serve local and wider communities.

As a Parent/Guardian, you are an important stakeholder in the College's future and I am, therefore, writing to seek your views on this matter. The consultation form can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.knowsleycollege.ac.uk/appraisal-questionnaire>

The closing date for response is Friday 18th March 2016.

I would encourage you to complete the questionnaire. If you have any questions please contact me direct.

Yours faithfully



Mark Flinn

Chair of Governors



Anne Pryer

Principal