Hull Collaborative Academy Trust

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Dear parent / carer,

We are writing to share an important update from Hull Collaborative Academy Trust.

The Trust has recently been informed by the Department for Education (DfE) that it has been issued with a *Notice to Improve (NTI)*, following an investigation.

We have been asked to communicate with you that this relates to historic issues between 2017 and 2023 concerning some central Trust processes and procedures. Importantly, it does not relate to, or reflect on, the quality of education, teaching, or care in our schools.

Your school, like others in the Trust, continues to provide a high standard of education, and we remain focused on ensuring the very best outcomes and experiences for our pupils. All school operations remain as normal.

While the report highlights some past weaknesses in the Trust's central systems, it is important to note that significant improvements have already been made in recent years to its procedures and by adding robust processes to ensure closer management of its resources and finances.

In addition, in 2025 the Trust appointed Kevin Matchett as Chief Operating Officer, and who is now Interim CEO. Kevin has extensive experience in leading organisational improvement and is driving further positive change.

Looking forward, the Trust believes that it has already made significant progress against the targets laid out in the NTI and will continue to work with the DfE to ensure it implements further changes to uphold the highest standards in the future.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
The Executive Team (HCAT)

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