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Dear Parents/Carers

POST 16 PROVISION – FREEBROUGH ACADEMY

I am writing to inform you of an agreement by the Governing Body at Freebrough Academy and the Board of Trustees of the Teesside Learning Trust, to consult on a proposal to close the Post 16 Provision at Freebrough Academy. The decision to consult on this proposal has not been taken lightly and is based purely on the financial difficulties of sustaining a small and specialist provision, when we have such small numbers of students, at a time when most Post 16 providers have falling rolls.

We have now formally begun the consultation process. The purpose of consultation is to explore ways of potentially avoiding full or partial closure. It is important that we gather the views of parents/carers as part of this process. It is also an opportunity for you to make any suggestions and share any information that could have an impact on your child, as well as raising any other concerns or questions.

No decisions have as yet been taken and will not be made until consultation has concluded. To enable your views to be heard there will be an opportunity for you to either attend a meeting at the Post 16 Centre on Monday 8 May 2017 at 5.00 pm or email your comments to me at lindahalbert@tltrust.org by Friday 12 May 2017.

It is difficult to estimate how long consultation will take, as it depends upon the issues that are raised, but nonetheless the aim is to ensure that all options are fully considered.

Yours sincerely

LINDA HALBERT
Chief Executive Officer
Teesside Learning Trust