

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Security Screening Consultation**

As the CEO of Dudley Academies Trust, I am writing to inform you about an important consultation process that we are initiating regarding the proposed introduction of security screening in our schools.

The safety and well-being of our learners and staff is our top priority. In light of recent concerns about knife-related incidents in schools across the country, we believe it is crucial to take proactive measures to ensure a safe learning environment for everyone. The proposed installation of security screening is one such measure that we are considering to enhance security and prevent any potential threats. The Home Secretary, Yvette Cooper, has also expressed her support for the introduction of security screening in schools during her interview with LBC on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

We understand that this is a significant step, and we value the opinions and feedback of our school community. Therefore, we are launching a consultation process to gather your views and concerns regarding this proposal. Your input is essential in helping us make an informed decision that reflects the best interests of our learners and staff.

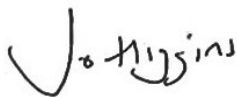
The consultation process will include a survey to all parents and carers to collect your feedback on the proposal. Your responses will be anonymous and will play a crucial role in our decision-making process.

We are committed to ensuring that this consultation process is transparent and inclusive. Your participation is vital, and we encourage you to complete the survey.

This consultation will run from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025. Please complete the security screening consultation document and share your feedback on the proposal via the Microsoft Forms link provided <https://forms.office.com/e/DvcsvVqDpL>

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Together, we can work towards creating a safer and more secure environment for our learners and staff.

Yours sincerely,



Jo Higgins  
Chief Executive