Each Academy within the Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust has its own Advisory Council (AAC) that works closely with the Principal.

 The AAC is a small group and has staff, parent and community representation.  It is not, however, the same as a traditional governing body as it has no legal responsibilities.  These responsibilities are held by the GDFT Trust Board.

 The Council will meet formally termly and AAC members are encouraged to play an active part in the day to day life of the Academy

 The Mansfield Primary Academy Advisory Council has three key roles to play an active part in the day to day life of the Academy:

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| 1.  | To advise and act as a critical friend to the Principal of the Academy and to advise the Board of Directors of the Greenwood Academies Trust about local issues they need to consider that affect the Academy.  |
| 2.  | To represent the interests of the Academy community in the running of the Academy and to represent the Academy in its community. |
| 3.  | To provide support to the Principal of the Academy in undertaking appropriate day to day procedures that are essential to the life of the Academy, such as disciplinary and complaints procedures. |

The Mansfield Primary Academy has an established Advisory Council who will be moving to new Terms of Reference during this academic year. The Council currently includes the following members from a range of backgrounds:

 Ruth Ellis - Trust Senior Education Adviser

Carl Pattison - Acting Executive Principal

Simone Heritage - Staff Representative

Joanne Hebden - Staff Representative

Louise Bearder - Parent Member

Andy Sissons - Parent Member

Sue Howlett - Community Member

Paul Egginton – Community Member