

DO YOU HAVE
A **PASSION** FOR
SHAPING
GREAT
OUTCOMES
FOR
CHILDREN?



MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
AS A
SCHOOL
GOVERNOR



WHY JOIN US?

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Make a tangible difference by helping to improve educational outcomes in your local area.

GAIN BOARD EXPERIENCE

Build high-level strategic planning and leadership skills

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

Develop expertise in finance, HR, data, and project management

VOLUNTEER NETWORK

Join a network of volunteers dedicated to driving school improvement

SHAPE THE FUTURE

SUPPORT AND CHALLENGE

Act as a “critical friend” by holding senior leaders to account and providing support.

SHAPE THE VISION

Help develop and embed the school’s long-term vision, ethos, and strategy.

DRIVE STANDARDS

Monitor data to ensure high standards for all pupils.

OVERSEE FINANCES

Monitor financial performance and ensure money is well spent.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Attend six Local Governing Body meetings per year (evenings).

PREPARATION

Dedicate time to reading papers and preparing questions for school leaders before meetings.

SCHOOL VISITS

Visit the school during the day at least once a year to observe the strategy in action.

AD HOC PANEL DUTIES

Support the Trust schools with ad hoc panel duties (training provided)

MYTH VS REALITY

Myth: "I need to be an education expert."

Reality: We value diverse skills - fresh perspective is essential.

Myth: "It's only for parents."

Reality: We also seek community members to ensure a broad range of voices.

Myth: "I'll be running the school."

Reality: The role is strategic, not operational.

Myth: "I don't have enough experience."

Reality: Important skills are critical listening, asking effective questions, and strategic thinking.

WHAT SUPPORT DO I RECEIVE?

COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING

Access to ongoing training to help you feel confident and effective in your role.

LEADERSHIP GUIDANCE

Support from a diverse and experienced Board of Trustees

PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

Receive information directly from leadership to help make informed decisions.

COLLECTIVE SUPPORT

You are never alone. You work in a team where responsibility for decisions is shared.