

Dear Candidate,

We're currently looking for enthusiastic school governors to join the local governing body at The Springfields Academy. In particular, we are looking for individuals with an interest in being our Safeguarding Link Governor. This is an important role, given that safeguarding underpins everything we do at Springfields. You can find out more about Springfields on our [website](#).

Springfields is an exceptional school; it is an inspiring place where students and staff can learn, grow and develop. We're looking for Governors to provide the support and challenge needed to help us become a nationally recognised centre and system of excellence in autism.

There are approximately 210,000 school governors in England – the largest volunteer force in the country. High-quality governance has a significant impact on how well a school is run and what pupils can achieve. Despite this, governance vacancies are at their highest since 2016.

You will be joining a team of 10-12 governors who meet once per half-term (hybrid options are available for meetings). You will feel part of a friendly and inclusive school that has an open-door policy- join us for Christmas lunch and summer fetes! You will make a difference to young people by supporting school development. We will support you with a range of training opportunities, including attending our annual autism festival, A-Fest.

Contrary to popular thought, you don't have to be a parent/carer or connected to the school in some way to be a local governor. Experience tells us that our local governors not only make a significant difference to Springfields, but also gain much personal and professional satisfaction from the role.

We hope that you feel inspired to become a school governor and make a difference to our school.

We're happy to talk with anyone interested, or arrange a visit to the school, if you'd like to find out more. Please email sandra.chase@reachsouth.org or call 01249 814125.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors

