



Parent Governor Vacancy

13th February 2020

Dear Parents

Can you help shape the future of our school?

We are looking to recruit a new parent governor for our school. Why not join us and make a real difference to securing even better opportunities and outcomes for children living in and around our area?

Local Governors have a key role in creating a strategy for teaching and learning to ensure we can provide the very best education for our children. No experience of governance is necessary as training is provided by the Trust.

Local governance is a rewarding role with a commitment of five meetings per year plus additional school visits to really get to know the school. You will work with our existing friendly team of governors and be part of a wider group of over one hundred local governors across the Trust.

If this sounds interesting, please speak to the school office to arrange an informal chat with the Headteacher – Mrs N Ralph or the Chair Mr S Notley or ask for an Expression of Interest form.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Mrs N A Ralph
Headteacher

Why do we need parent and staff governors on a SAST Local Governing Body?

Parent and staff governors are an important element in achieving an effective and well-balanced local governing body. As key members of the school community, parents and staff should have an opportunity to contribute to the development of teaching, learning and improvement strategy for the school. Local Governing Bodies (LGB) within SAST schools also have representatives from the church (if it is a faith school) and representatives from the wider community, so that a broad range of stakeholders take part in the governance of the school.

What is the role?

A local governor is a voluntary role and its key purpose is to ensure that every child gets the best possible education within the school. Governors help shape and promote the schools' distinctive mission/vision, values, ethos and identity, and use their expertise and skills by acting as a critical friend to the school and offering challenge and support to school leaders. SAST local governors have a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. The role of local governor involves attending five meetings per year as part of a team, which includes the Headteacher. You will visit the school regularly to get to know how it operates, meet staff and support special events. All governors within the school LGB are responsible for safeguarding the welfare of staff and pupils in partnership with the Trust Board.

Local Governance within SAST

Within a Multi-Academy Trust such as SAST, the LGB has a slightly more specialised role than in a mainstream school, focussing less on the business matters of the school and more on the teaching and learning strategy. This allows governors to develop a deep knowledge of the curriculum on offer and create a strategy for staff training and welfare, safeguarding and meeting the needs of all children, whether this is additional support, extra-curricular opportunities, or special events or trips to enhance their learning. It is a community-focussed role to ensure that the facilities and resources in your area are used to best effect, the children feel part of their community and the community is part of the school. SAST schools also work together to provide even more opportunities for children to be inspired and develop their knowledge.

Terms of Reference

The LGB focusses on developing a strategy for:

- School improvement and performance
- Curriculum – Intent (vision and knowledge expected), Implementation (Teaching and learning, meeting the needs of groups) and Impact (results, destinations, preparation for next phase)
- Safeguarding, Behaviour and Attendance
- Community provision
- School facility and budget support for the HT (where skills exist)

Process for Appointment

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a local governor, please contact the LGB Chair or Headteacher for an informal conversation. If you are ready to apply, please ask for an **Expression of Interest Form** from the school office. The Chair and Headteacher will consider applications and if successful, your form will be sent to SAST's head office with a recommendation for appointment by the Board of Trustees. Any appointments by the Trust Board are subject to safeguarding checks.