



Co-opted Governor Vacancy

Why do our schools need Governors?

A Governor's role is pivotal to overseeing and improving the education our children receive. Governors support Headteachers to set the strategic direction of the school and to ensure policies are set appropriately and adhered to.

Who are we looking for?

A Parent Governor is a voluntary position. You don't need to have an educational background to join our Local Advisory Boards (LAB). A variety of characteristics are attributed to a good Governor, including problem-solving, decisiveness and possessing a positive, proactive attitude. We require, and benefit greatly from, a range of professional knowledge and experience, including: Education, Business, Finance, Information Technology, Human Resources, Legal, Marketing, Estates and Property Management.

The voluntary role of Governor is challenging, but very rewarding. You are not expected to have knowledge in all areas as all Boards work as a team and expertise in a particular field is extremely valuable to the Trust. Your skills and experience are more important than previous Board Member experience.

What training is available?

All Governors have inductions, mentoring, mandatory training (such as safeguarding) as well as a vast range of free online and face-to-face training opportunities, much of which is useful in any line of work.

How much time would you need to commit to the role?

Governors would need to attend six LAB meetings a year - usually in the evenings, during term time. These meetings usually last two hours. Additionally, there may be in-school observation activities, ad-hoc meetings and training. Governors are appointed for a term of four years. This counts as public duties so employers are required to permit a 'reasonable' amount of time off for Governor duties and training. Governors may resign at any time.

What are the benefits?

Being a co-opted Governor is a hugely insightful, satisfying and fulfilling role. You will learn how school decisions are made at a strategic level and will be given the opportunity to positively influence the school and, in turn, its children, families and the wider school community.

How to apply?

If you would like to be a part of something special, and are interested in joining us on the journey to positive, transformative change in education at Alderman Peel High School then we want to hear from you. Just send an email to Vicky Etheridge, the Chair of Governors at vetheridge36r5@nsix.org.uk

Applications will be considered on receipt and therefore an early application is recommended.



Safer Recruitment

The Wensum Trust is committed to safeguarding children and promoting the welfare of children and young people, we expect all Trustees, Governors, staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020). This means that certain convictions and cautions are considered 'protected' and do not need to be disclosed to employers, and if they are disclosed, employers cannot take them into account. Guidance about whether a conviction or caution should be disclosed can be found on the Ministry of Justice website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-guidance-on-the-rehabilitation-of-offenders-act-1974>