



# MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

# BECOME A SCHOOL GOVERNOR AT OUR SCHOOL

#### **GET INVOLVED**

We think it is important that governance in our schools is representative of the local community. Each of our schools has a Local Governing Committee (LGC) made up of representatives from parents/carers and the community. We also have a Board of Trustees, who are accountable for all the schools in the Trust.

# **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Governors provide critical challenge and support to the leadership team of the school with the ultimate aim of improving student progress and outcomes. Taking a governance role is a unique opportunity to positively influence children's lives.

# **GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY**

Our schools are at the heart of their communities and it is part of the role of being a governor to ensure that we are accountable to the area we serve, representing the community as a whole.

# **DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS**

Training for new Governors will be provided and you can expect to develop a range of both new and existing skills. The Headteacher and other senior leaders attend Governors' meetings, therefore, Governors are not expected to have a

working knowledge of the education sector. What is more important to the role is a skill set relevant to the operations of the LGC and commitment to the position.

#### **IT'S A CHALLENGE**

There is no denying that being involved in governance is a challenge, but that's a good thing. The role should be a challenge (because it's important) and it can put you out of your comfort zone when you have to get to grips with new policies, procedures and challenges.

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### IT'S REWARDING

Knowing that you are making a difference to children's lives is the best reward anyone could wish for. The support and challenge from Governors ensure that no child is left behind and no child in invisible.

We are currently looking to recruit community governors for Court Fields School in Wellington and would welcome enquiries from people in the Wellington community. Parents/ carers with children at the school can also be community governors.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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