



5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Alderman White School is recruiting Governors for our Local Governing Body**

We are recruiting up to three new co-opted governors for our Local Governing Body and are interested in hearing from parents and members of the wider community who would like to apply for one of these voluntary roles.

### **What is a governor?**

Governors play a vital role in shaping the education of young people by helping schools to set their aims and objectives, and the strategic plans and targets for achieving those aims and objectives. They monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making and provide challenge and support to the headteacher and the senior leadership team.

### **What is the Local Governing Body?**

The Alderman White School Local Governing Body sits below the White Hills Park Board of Trustees. The Local Governing Body is in place to assure the highest quality provision, safeguarding and equality of opportunity for all pupils, and the effective support and management of staff within the school. Through formal reviews the Local Governing Body robustly considers school performance. Member of the Local Governing Body are not charity trustees or company directors of the White Hill Park Trust.

### **What skills and experience are we looking for?**

Our aim is to build a Local Governing Body that has a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience, as we believe this helps us to be more effective. You don't have to have previous governor experience, but a willingness to give time, the ability to challenge in a positive way, and to build strong relationships are all essential for the role. We are particularly interested to hear from people who have skills or experience in finance, data analytics and interpretation, health and safety, children's services or marketing/communications. Training and support will be provided for new governors.

### **How much time does the role take?**

The Local Governing Body meets five times a year and in between meetings, governors may visit school a few times to meet staff, attend events etc. We estimate each governor volunteers about four hours a month.

### **What to do if you're interested?**

Please complete the attached Expression of Interest form and send it to our Chair of Governors [ruth.brittle@whptrust.org](mailto:ruth.brittle@whptrust.org) by **5.00pm on Wednesday 31 July 2019**. We will hold discussions with shortlisted applicants and aim to complete the recruitment process by the beginning of September 2019.

If you have any questions about the role, please email our Chair of Governors [ruth.brittle@whptrust.org](mailto:ruth.brittle@whptrust.org) or our Vice-Chair of Governors [clare.goodyear@whptrust.org](mailto:clare.goodyear@whptrust.org). We look forward to receiving your completed form.

Yours faithfully,

Alderman White School Local Governing Body

**Alderman White School– Governor Recruitment**

**Expression of Interest Form:**

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Referee name and contact details (email/phone): \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a parent/carer of a child currently attending Alderman White School: Yes/No

**Declaration:**

I confirm that I am over 18 years of age and do not currently hold a Governorship at Alderman White School. I am willing to undertake a DBS check within 21 days should I be successful in my application.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Statement:**

In the box below, please provide a personal statement of not more than 200 words in support of your application. This should include why you would like to volunteer as a Governor for Alderman White School, and describe the skills, experience and personal qualities that you would bring to the role.