

## **Recruitment of governors for the Alton School**

### **We are seeking to appoint new governors to our Local Governing Body (LGB).**

The role of a LGB is to provide oversight, support, and challenge to the school leadership to ensure the school delivers for all our pupils. Essentially, it provides a 'critical friend', there to ensure accountability, that the parent voice is considered, and that we act in the best interests of all the children in our care.

Our LGB Governors work with the school Senior Leadership Team and the MAT Trustees to ensure that the school is well run, our children are safe and that our provision is constantly improving.

The most important part of being a local Governor is the ability to ask questions, provide support and have the best interests of the school at heart. You don't have to be a parent or have experience in education to become a local Governor. We welcome professional experience, as well as community insight and experience of working collaboratively.

We also feel it is important that The Alton's Local Governing Body is reflective of the community that we serve. Therefore, we would particularly encourage applications from a diversity of backgrounds and lived experiences to ensure a range of perspectives are considered during our LGB meetings.

### **What is it like to be a school governor and what time commitment does it require?**

Local Governors usually support schools for a period of up to four years. As a Local Governor, you will attend six meetings a year, read papers, attend training sessions, and make occasional visits to school. Local Governors need to be aged 18 or above and there are certain criminal convictions that would exclude you from the role.

The school will carry out a DBS check before a Governor can be appointed. Many companies encourage volunteering in the local community and will offer paid time away from work for you to carry this out.

As well as putting your expertise to good use, governance represents a fantastic opportunity to develop yourself while making a real impact on the education of children.

For more information or to express an interest, please email Councillor Jenny Yates at [Cllr.J.Yates@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.J.Yates@wandsworth.gov.uk)