



Ref: NCS/SSD

Wednesday, 3 May 2023

We currently have a vacancy for two co-opted Governors to join us on our continuous journey of improvement and join our Local Governing Body (LGB). To be eligible for this role you must not be a parent of a child at The Sittingbourne School or be caring for a child at the school, but be a member of the local community. We are particularly interested in those with specific background knowledge or expertise in SEND for one of the roles.

Governors are essential in helping schools to run effectively. They work as part of a team with the Headteacher and staff, to help provide a safe and thriving learning environment for all children. You will not be expected to gather the views of parents and take them to meetings, or to personally become involved in individual concerns. You will need to be able to present a balanced and impartial view, based on the benefits of all children attending The Sittingbourne School.

The LGB is fully inclusive and we aim to reflect the diversity of our school community in our Governing Body.

LGB Governors must be:

- prepared and equipped to take their responsibilities seriously;
- accountable to Swale Academies Trust Board of Trustees;
- willing and able to monitor and review their own performance;
- prepared to attend at least 6 meetings per year;
- prepared to carry out monitoring visits as required.

The core business of each LGB is to:

1. Encourage, challenge and hold to account school leaders to constantly raise standards within the school, through the effective reviewing and monitoring of:

- the School Strategic Plan;
- Leadership and Management, and Safeguarding;
- Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare;
- Outcomes for Pupils;
- Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment;
- Staffing, and

· Premises and Health and Safety.

2. Ensure that Trust policies are implemented and relevant school-level policies and procedures are reviewed.
3. Have financial awareness and review the impact of Catch-up Funding and Pupil Premium expenditure.

Further information our governance at Swale Academies Trust can be found here:

<http://swaleacademies.ovw6.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Governance&pid=29>

Applications should be made in writing, on no more than one side of A4, to Mr Smith, Headteacher by Friday, 19 May 2023, outlining the reasons why you feel you would make a positive contribution and the skills you would bring. You must be 18 or over to apply and all governors are subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. The deadline for applications is: midday on Friday, 19 May 2023. If there are more applications than vacancies, interviews will be held.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Smith', written in a cursive style.

N Smith  
Headteacher