

The Role of a Trust Governor

We want you to:

- Use your professional business/industry experience to support, inform and constructively challenge Governing body decisions
- Promote the objectives of the Trust and ensure that the Governing body is kept up to date and supports the school to actively engage with Trust activities and programmes
- Listen to the views of others, read as much on the subject as possible, then do what you think is best for the children in the school
- Act in a responsible manner at meetings and observe confidentiality protocols
- Spend time in the school on focused governor monitoring visits, which have been agreed with appropriate school staff, the Governing body and the Headteacher
- Report back to the Governing body on the focused monitoring visits you have been involved in, either as a Trust Governor or as a Governor linked to a specialism
- Work effectively as part of the Governing body team
- Attend all relevant training sessions and Trust network events
- Be transparent in your approach to the Governor role
- Promote inclusion and non-discriminatory behaviours to all school staff, governors, pupils, service providers and partners
- Declare any personal or professional association with your preferred school and any member of the school's staff or Governing body. This includes having a relative as a pupil at the school. NTLT reserves the right to recommend alternatives schools for appointment if it is deemed appropriate. Governors should not receive personal or professional gain from becoming a Trust Governor; any potential such gain should be raised as a potential Conflict of Interest at relevant Governing body meetings

Becoming a Trust Governor will:

- Help to develop your existing and new skills
- Develop your board level skills
- Help you get to know the communities in which you live and/or work
- Build your experience in strategic planning and development
- Help you to gain experience in financial planning, budget control and setting pay policies
- Give you experience of working with a diverse team
- Give you a greater awareness of the education system

We will:

- Provide you with half termly updates on current Trust programmes and activities for you to share at your Governing body meetings
- Distribute a bi-termly electronic newsletter
- Annually assess the training needs of governors and put in place training programmes, as appropriate
- Encourage attendance at training sessions run by North Tyneside Council's Governor Services team
- Be available for contact either in person, over the phone or by email

To contact the Trust:

Please call or email the Trust Governor Strategic Lead, Jacqui Sugden on tel: 07830 203554 or email: jacqui.sugden@ntlearningtrust.org.uk.