

## **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 alternative 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 Service team;
- Be available for contact either in person, over the phone or by email.

**To contact the Trust:**

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