



Vacancy: Governor

Description:

The Beacon School is currently looking to further enhance and strengthen the school's Governing Board by recruiting a new Governor with expertise in health & safety at work.

The role of a Beacon Governor is to support the school to run as effectively as possible, working alongside the other members of the Board, the Chair of Governors, Clerk as well as other senior members of staff to provide an excellent education for the children who attend the school. More specifically, Governors help to make and challenge strategic and financial decisions. Governors are also expected to uphold the ethos, aims and values of the school and to act as ambassadors for the school.

A Governor role is a voluntary position. No previous governor experience is necessary and full induction and training is offered. We welcome applications from anyone interested in the education of young people who has the appropriate level of expertise in health and safety at work and sufficient time to dedicate to this role.

Governors are required to attend three full board meetings a year and three committee meetings a year, all in person meetings. In addition, Governors are required to undertake annual statutory training.

The Beacon School is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee, so Governors are Trustees of the Charity and Directors of the Company.

To learn more about our school please visit <https://www.beaconschool.co.uk/>

Person Specification

The ideal candidate will have the following qualities:

- Show commitment to and be supportive of the objects, ethos and values of the school
- Show commitment to the principles and requirements of the school's role in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people
- Understand and discharge legal and regulatory duties and obligations
- Understand and respect boundaries and particularly that between the executive team and the governance functions
- Have time to fulfil the duties of the role - prepared to prioritise his or her contribution and to take a fair share of the workload
- Understand the purpose and importance of meetings and be committed to timely attendance and well as effective preparation and participation
- A commitment to undertake induction and all mandatory training as well as keeping up to date generally with the duties of the role and own development
- A commitment to attend committee and Board meetings
- Show a commitment to attend and participate in key school events
- Confirm eligibility to serve as a Trustee of a Registered Charity and as Governor of a School.
- Expertise in health and safety at work

A successful applicant will be one who:

- Can bring relevant skills and experience to complement those of the current Board
- Builds effective working relationships and shows respect and consideration for the viewpoint or position of others
- Works well in a team whether in a lead or supporting role at any time and is willing to express their own opinion, whilst being respectful about the opinions of others in discussion and in writing
- Challenges constructively when appropriate, but be prepared to stand by collective decisions once taken
- Shows energy, drive, courage and resilience
- Acts reasonably and responsibly in undertaking duties and maintains strict confidentiality when appropriate.

The Beacon School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Appointments are subject to child protection screening, including checks with the Disclosure and Barring Service, seeking references and vetting checks in relation to Companies House and the Charity Commission.

How to apply: Applicants are invited to contact Hayley Farrelly (Clerk to Governors) with a covering email to hfarrelly@beaconschool.co.uk. Upon receipt, more information and an application form will be provided. Successful applicants will be invited to attend an interview with two members of our current Board of Governors.