

Governor - Local Advisory Board

Future Schools Trust



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Welcome to Future Schools Trust.

Our Trust consists of two secondary schools, one primary school and one nursery at the heart of our local community in the Maidstone and Malling area of Kent. FST was legally established as a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) in 2007.



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Welcome from the Chair of Trustees

Marilyn Hodges



Welcome to Future Schools Trust: **Relentless Ambition for Young People.**

We aim to achieve our vision by bringing together our family of schools to create a cohesive and aspirational community which enables every child and member of staff to exceed their expectations.

Our values are:

- Integrity
- Respect
- Resilience
- Strong Work Ethic
- Collaboration
- Equality

The best interests of young people guide every ambition and decision we take. We are passionate in our belief that schools are stronger when they work together whilst being proud and protective of the unique identity of each of our schools in the Trust. Maintaining a strong moral purpose and supportive but challenging culture is central to everything we aim to achieve.

I hope this introductory letter provides a sense of our culture and ethos and our direction of travel. If you decide to apply, we appreciate how long it takes to apply for Governor positions, but please do not send a CV instead completing an application form found alongside the vacancy; we are looking for someone prepared to respond to us, respecting where we are at on our journey as a Trust. You can be sure that we will take time and care in reading your personal application.

Best Wishes

Marilyn Hodges
Chair of Trustees

Purpose

Each school's Governors on the Local Advisory Board (LAB) is a sub-committee of the Board of Trustees. Governors are representatives who provide advice and support to help each school achieve its aims. The LAB is not a legal entity in its own right; legal accountability for all aspects of the school lies with the Trustees including finance, personnel and premises, and the education performance of the school.

The LAB is designed to have a key and crucial role in helping key stakeholders to get involved in the life of the school and the Trust, promoting stakeholder engagement, particularly with parents and carers, and contributing to the school's development.

Duties and Responsibilities

Responsibilities

- Have the wellbeing of the school, its children and staff as their prime consideration.
- Use their knowledge, skills and interests for the school's benefit.
- Support the school in developing parental engagement through participation in school events and other activities.
- Use their knowledge of the local and wider community to inform the work of the LAB.
- Promote and support the school's fundraising activities.

Requirements

- Comply with and support the Trust's safeguarding and child protection arrangements including an enhanced DBS and barred list checks and annual safeguarding training.
- Comply with the Trust's Governance Code of Conduct.
- Ensure any business or pecuniary interests are declared as required and withdraw from meetings as appropriate.
- Maintain confidentiality.

Person Specification

Essential Skills and Attributes

- Professional experience that can add value to the Board (e.g., education, finance, HR, legal, business, or non profit leadership).
- Strong analytical, strategic-thinking, and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to challenge and support constructively while working collaboratively.
- High standards of integrity, confidentiality, and commitment.

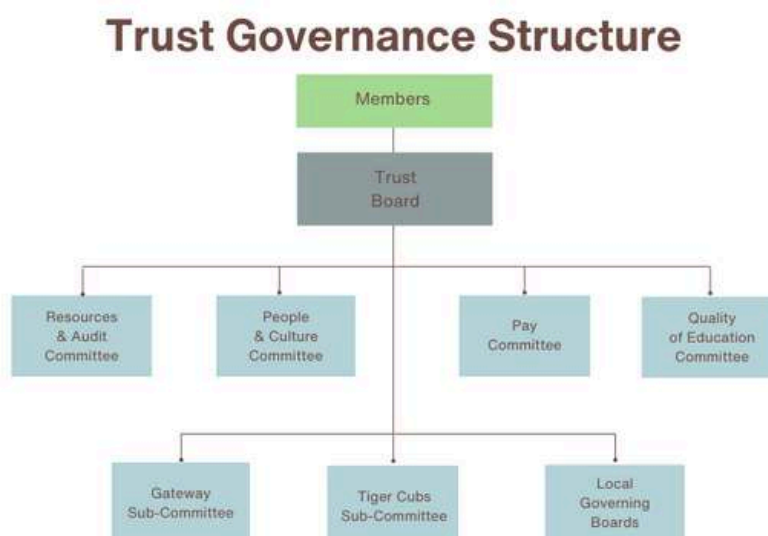
What You Will Gain

- The opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to local education.
- Experience in governance and strategic leadership within a growing Trust.
- The chance to collaborate with committed professionals and broaden your professional network.
- The satisfaction of helping shape a high-quality educational environment for young people.

Your Commitment

- Attend scheduled board meetings usually four times per year
- Committee membership and site visits, as needed
- Governors usually serve a four year term

More information on this role can be found in the Scheme of Delegation on our website here: <https://www.futureschoolstrust.com/About-Us/Governance/>



Application:

We welcome applications from all qualified candidates, including neurodivergent individuals. If you are excited about this opportunity and believe you are a great fit for our team, please complete our Governor Application Form, we are unable to accept CVs. A copy of this can be requested from recruitment@futureschoolstrust.com.

If you would like to take a look around our fantastic facilities and meet the staff that you could be working alongside, please email recruitment@futureschoolstrust.com to arrange a visit.

Health & Safety:

So far as is reasonably practicable, the postholder must ensure that safe working practices are adopted by employees, and in premises/work areas for which the postholder is responsible, to maintain a safe working environment for employees and students/pupils.

Safeguarding:

Future Schools Trust is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees. Future Schools Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All successful candidates will have to meet the person specification and will be subject to an Enhanced DBS check.



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Day Nursery

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