



## **The Barton Court Academy Trust is recruiting Governors for Barton Manor School. (Voluntary work)**

You don't need any special qualifications, all we ask for is:

- The right attitude;
- A willingness to share and develop your existing experience and skills;
- Time to take on the commitment.

### **What does a Governor do?**

The Local Governing Body of each school plays a critical role in a school's success and the success of its students. Governors are responsible for ensuring that the vision, ethos and strategic direction are implemented and are responsible for holding the Headteacher and senior leaders to account for the performance of the school.

### **What skills are we looking for?**

We are recruiting Governors with experience and skills in:

- Dealing with colleagues at all levels;
- Ability to challenge constructively and help find solutions;
- An appreciation of the value of education.

### **What are the benefits of becoming a Governor?**

- Professional development through a range of training courses;
- Being able to take skills back to the workplace: reading and interpreting data, understanding the curriculum and making sure resources are used effectively and efficiently are just a few of the areas involved;
- Building relationships through a network of professional local people;
- Gaining an insight into how schools operate and identifying other ways that business can become more involved;
- Knowing that you are doing something very worthwhile for your community.

### **What is the Time Commitment?**

- 6 meetings a year, each lasting approximately 2 hours, there is an expectation to have read' documents sent in advance for the meeting
- Monitoring Visits in school 2-3 times per year
- Governor professional development which includes, but not exclusive to, annual online Governor training to include Safeguarding, Prevent and GDPR and a governor training event 1 x ½ day in the year
- Invitation to school events on an ad-hoc non-compulsory basis

Barton Court Academy Trust (BCAT) is a multi-academy Trust which was established in 2017. It currently consists of two secondary schools: Barton Court Grammar School, an 11-18yrs, mixed selective school in the heart of Canterbury, rated "Good" with many outstanding features by Ofsted in February 2020, and The Charles Dickens School, an 11-16yrs mixed non-selective school in Broadstairs, which came out of special measures in June 2019 and is a rapidly improving school. The Trust is also opening Barton Manor Free School, an 11 – 18yrs non-selective mixed school in the heart of Canterbury on the former Chaucer School site in September 2022 to Year 7.

***If you feel the role of Governor is one that you could contribute to, then please send your CV and a brief personal statement giving information about your skills to [clerk@bartoncourt.org](mailto:clerk@bartoncourt.org)***