

Local Academy Committee Member – Paxton Academy

Thank you for your interest in the role of Local Academy Committee Member at Paxton Academy. We are particularly looking for applicants who have background and experience in diversity and racial justice, change management and entrepreneurship.

The National Governance Association states that: “Governance carries significant responsibilities. There is more diversity in school structures now and more decisions to be made by governing boards. Effective governance is essential for the health and success of any organisation. To prevent any school or academy...failing its pupils, we need to ensure that governance is strong.”

Local Academy Committees must have:

- The right people around the table (this includes diversity)
- An understanding of their role and responsibilities under the Trust’s Scheme of Delegation
- An effective chair
- Professional clerking
- Good relationships based on trust
- Relevant knowledge of the school – the curriculum, financial activities, data, the staff, the pupils, the parents, and the community
- A commitment to asking challenging questions to hold school leaders to account
- The confidence to have courageous conversations in the interests of the children and young people.

Training and support

As a Local Academy Committee Member, you will have a thorough induction, and benefit from ongoing training. You will be joining an inclusive governance community, all of whom are committed to providing support and guidance and welcoming you into your new role.

Time commitment and role description

This is a voluntary, unpaid position requiring 12 hours a month minimum. Six meetings a year. Visits and meetings take place in school, sometimes during school hours and are at Paxton Academy (CR7 6AW). More information about the role of Local Academy Committee Members in general can be found in the Department for Education guidance here https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/924673/Academies_governance_role_descriptors.pdf

Applications

If you are interested in applying, please send your CV and a short expression of interest (marking your application **LAC Member – Paxton Academy**) to Clerk of the Trust (enquiries@wandlelearningtrust.org.uk). Applicants should live within reasonable travelling distance of the Trust/Academy and/or have a link with the region. For more information, please call the Executive Headteacher's PA on 020 8772 2511 (please note that schools are closed between 2nd and 16th April).

The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all Members, Trustees and Local Academy Committee members to share this commitment. All successful candidates will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Key dates

We strongly recommend applying as early as you can to have the best possible chance of being considered. We may change the closing date if we have received sufficient applications. Applicants should be aware of the following key dates.

Deadline for applications: Monday 19th April

Interviews: week beginning Week commencing 26th April