



LITLEDOWN SCHOOL, SLOUGH - part of The Specialist Education Trust

We are looking for new people to join our Trust Board or Littledown's Local Governing Body



School Governance is the most important voluntary role in Education

Are you looking for a stimulating and worthwhile challenge? The Specialist Education Trust comprises of Littledown School, SEBDOS and an Alternative Provision for primary children who have been permanently excluded.

Littledown School is a Primary Special School for young people with Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties (SEMH).

Volunteering as a Trustee or school Governor, is a great way to make a huge contribution to a local Trust and/or school and be inspired by the impact of education. In addition to helping drive educational performance in your local community, there are opportunities for you to develop and enhance valuable skills which will benefit you in your personal and professional life.

Trustee or Governor volunteers work alongside the school's senior leadership team to set targets, formulate school policy and plan for future development. Governors do not manage the day to day running of a school but they do set the framework which should ensure the school is running effectively. Ultimately, governor responsibilities can be split into three core roles:

Setting Strategic Direction - The governing body must ensure that the school has a clear strategy for the future, including ambitious yet realistic targets for improvement, as well as measurable success criteria.

Creating Robust Accountability - The governing body is responsible for ensuring the school's leadership is successful in implementing the agreed strategy, and in meeting its targets by offering an effective balance of support and challenge.

Ensuring Sound Financial Practice - The governing body must make sure the school's finances are used to achieve its vision in the most cost-effective way and to maximise outcomes for pupils.

School Trustees and Governors come from all walks of life and are able to bring a mixture of skills and experience to the role. Many people do not realise that the everyday skills from their personal and professional life can add huge value to a school.

Anyone aged 18 or over and living in the UK can be a governor. You do not need to have children or be a parent of a child at the school. You will need to be able to commit an average of 5 hours per term to the role. There are no specific skill requirements for the role. However, schools do benefit, and are increasingly interested in volunteers from the Finance, Legal, Business, Marketing, HR and Construction sectors.

*“Without strong and effective governance, our schools simply won't be as good as they can be.”
Sir Michael Wilshaw/Her Majesty's Chief Inspector/Ofsted*

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Angela Mumford at Littledown School, Queens Road, Slough, Berkshire SL1 3QW or call 01753 521734 option 2 for an application form or alternatively email post@littledown.slough.sch.uk requesting further details.

It is the policy of this School to obtain references prior to interview as part of our commitment to promoting the safeguarding and welfare of all children at this School. The successful candidate must have a satisfactory enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

