



The Learning Village Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and carers,

Are you enthusiastic about education and want to make a difference to our Academy Trust? If so, this is a great opportunity for yourself or someone that you know in the community, so please share.

We are looking to expand our Academy Trust Board and we are therefore looking for committed people to join as a Trustee.

We have a number of vacancies and would welcome applications from people with experience in either:

- Finance (Accountancy etc)
- HR/Legal (Paralegal, Solicitor etc)
- Education

The Board of Trustees manages the business of the academy trust and focuses strongly on the three core functions of:

- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Hold executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

The Trustees must ensure compliance with the Trust's charitable objects and with company and charity law, and adherence to the Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State. They are responsible for the general control and management of the charity and are under a legal duty to act in the best interests of the charity.

The Trust board is responsible for all the academies within the Trust - currently Greenways Primary Academy and Milton Primary Academy. Therefore, the Trustees must think of the Trust as an entity in itself and act in the best interests of the Trust as a whole and not an individual school.

The Trust board makes the strategic decisions about the running of the Trust.

The recruitment process initially requires you to complete an application form and a Trustees skills audit, to allow the Board of Trustees to understand your skill set. The final stage is an interview with the Executive Headteacher and Chair of Trustees. The application form and skills audit are available on the website: learningvillage.org.uk ~ click "Documents and policies" on the "Home" page.

Our Trust Board has certain expectations of Trustees which currently are:

- to attend and contribute to a termly meeting of the Academy Trust Board
- to attend and contribute to specific committees as required i.e. Finance meetings
- to visit academies within the Trust informally on occasion.
- to commit to attend training courses
- to comply with the expectations set out in our Code of Conduct.

Inspiring minds of the future...

In return, our Trust Board commits to:

- Provide you with a structured induction.
- Provide access to quality training via the National College for Teaching & Leadership, National Governors Association etc.
- Offer you an insight into the wider perspective of the Trust.
- Give you the opportunity to make a difference to our Trust and the outcomes for our pupils.

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to the Academy Trustee Board or have any questions about anything, then please contact the academy office which will then arrange for the Executive Headteacher to contact you.

To apply for one of the vacancies please download and complete an application form and skills audit and return it to the academy office for the attention of the Executive Headteacher - Mrs Christine Dean.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Dean

Mrs Christine Dean.
Executive Headteacher.