

CENTRAL ACADEMY



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We Inspire Success and Excellence

Would you like to
make a positive
contribution to the
success of our school?

Are you
comfortable
asking
questions?

Are you
interested in
the way that our
school is run?

Do you
have time to
get to know
our school?

You Can Help
To Keep Our
School
Standards High

Do you want
children to
get the best
from

**INFORMATION
FOR PARENTS**

**Be a Local Parent
Governor**

If you have an interest in children's education
and want to make a difference, read on.....

Dear Parent/Guardian

ELECTION TO LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

As you will be aware, your child's school is part of the WISE Academies Group. As part of the governance structure the company has in place a board of Trustees. In addition, for each individual school within the group, we have established a new 'Local Governing Body'.

The Local Governing Body receives delegated powers from the Trustees and will form an essential part of the accountability of the Academies. It is therefore very important that parents are represented on the Local Governing Body (LGB).

There are currently opportunities for two parents to serve on the new Local Governing Body of your child's school. We are very keen to encourage parents (or people with parental responsibility) of registered pupils to seek nomination to fill these places. More details of the school governance structure and the role of the Local Governing Body are provided within this booklet.

Parent Members are elected by other parents and are vital to our Local Governing Body. They share equally with other Members of the LGB the responsibility for carrying out the LGB's wide range of responsibilities.

If you are elected to our LGB, you will serve a four-year term (you can continue to the end of the four years even if your child/children leave the school) but you can resign at any time before this should you wish.

If you are interested in serving as a member of the Local Governing Body you are invited to read the eligibility criteria and disqualifications listed later in this booklet and, if you are eligible to stand for office you can request a nomination form from the school office.

You will need to register your interest by completing nomination form (obtainable from the school office or by e-mailing governance@wiseacademies.co.uk) and returning this by the end of the school day on **Friday 25th September 2026**.

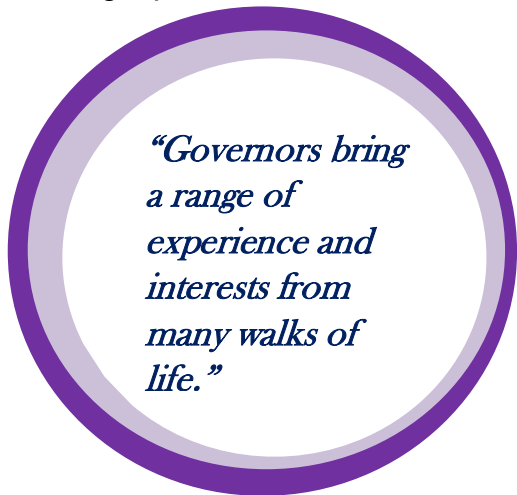
If the correct valid nominations are received, these parents will be elected to serve as members of the LGB. Should there be more than the required number of expressions of interest the election will be resolved by means of a ballot amongst parents.

You should be aware that all members of the Local Governing Body will be expected to be willing to undertake a check by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and all appointments are made on this basis.

If you are not sure that this booklet gives you enough information to enable you make up your mind about becoming a local governor, you can contact WISE Governance Services on 0191 7070125 (option 4) or e-mailing governance@wiseacademies.co.uk



"This is a challenging, rewarding and interesting role that gives great personal satisfaction and adds value to our community."



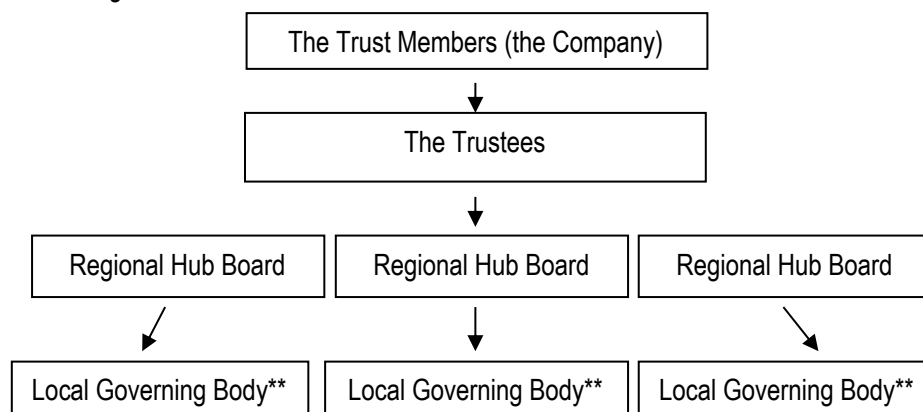
"Governors bring a range of experience and interests from many walks of life."

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THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE EXPLAINED

The Academies Trust ("the Trust") is set up as a company limited by guarantee and has a board of Trustees. It has exempt charity status and is governed by company and charity law and bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company was set up to run a number of individual academies.

There is also a board of Trustees who may establish a number of committees. A scheme of delegation has been agreed, setting out the matters reserved for the Trust Board, those powers exercised by the Trustees, those delegated to the committees and to the Local Governing Bodies.



**** The number of Local Governing Bodies depends on the number of academies within the Regional Hub**

Who will be represented on the Local Governing Bodies?

The Local Governing Body will include parents, staff, the Headteacher, representatives of the community and appointees of the Company.

What will the Local Governing Body do?

The Local Governing Body does not run the school day to day, as their role is at the strategic level in the school. They are an essential part of the decision making process for the individual school and for the group as a whole.

The Local Governing Body is focused upon the individual school contexts, monitoring standards and achievement and their local community needs and aspirations. The Local Governing Body will help us to improve academic standards by ensuring Trust policies are implemented and will support effective communications between the school and its stakeholders.

The Local Governing Body will in all cases act within the guidelines set down by the Trust.

Do LGB Members need any particular skills?

You do not have to be an expert on education to be a member of the Local Governing Body, and we value the contribution that all members bring to the role. Nevertheless, a key consideration in the appointment and election of all new governors should be the skills and experience the Local Governing Body needs to be effective. It is therefore important that all prospective governors for election or appointment understand the role of a governor and that they will be expected to adhere to a governance code of conduct. Any specific skills or experience that would be desirable in a new governor, such as the willingness to learn or skills that would help the Local Governing Body improve its effectiveness and address any specific challenges it may be facing.

Being a member of the Local Governing Body does take up some time. There will be at least three Local Governing Body meetings each year. In addition, you might need to set aside time to prepare for meetings, for visiting the school, and undertaking any relevant training. In addition there might be some subcommittees of the Local Governing Body that you may be asked to serve on.

"It helps to be a good listener to understand how the school works"

"You need to be prepared to work as part of a team."

"A range of skills are needed to add value to a Local Governing Body"

Disqualification of members of the Local Governing Body

- No person will be qualified to serve on the Local Governing Body unless s/he is aged 18 or over at the date of election or appointment.
- A person serving on the Local Governing Body will cease to hold office if s/he becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing or administering his/her own affairs.
- A person serving on the Local Governing Body will cease to hold office if s/he is absent without the permission of the Chair of the Local Governing Body or the CEO from a majority in number of the meetings of the Local Governing Body held within a period of six calendar months and either the Local Governing Body resolves, or the Directors resolve, that his/her office be vacated.
- A person will be disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body if:
 - (a) his/her estate has been sequestered and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced; or
 - (b) s/he is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order.
- A person will be disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body at any time when s/he is subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order).
- A person serving on the Local Governing Body will cease to hold office if s/he would cease to be a director by virtue of any provision in the Companies Act 2006 or is disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 72 of the Charities Act 1993 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision).
- A person will be disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body if s/he has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which s/he was responsible or to which s/he was privy, or which s/he by his/her conduct contributed to or facilitated.
- A person will be disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body at any time when s/he is:
 - (a) included in the list kept by the Secretary of State under section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1999; or
 - (b) disqualified from working with children in accordance with Section 35 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000; or
 - (c) barred from regulated activity relating to children (within the meaning of section 3(2) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).
- A person will be disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body if s/he is a person in respect of whom a direction has been made under section 142 of the Education Act 2002 or is subject to any prohibition or restriction which takes effect as if contained in such a direction.
- A person will be disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body where s/he has, at any time, been convicted of any criminal offence, excluding any that have been spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 as amended, and excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence is a fine or a lesser sentence except where such person has been convicted of any offence which falls under section 72 of the Charities Act 1993.
- A person will be disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body if s/he has not provided to the chairman of the Local Governing Body a criminal records certificate at an enhanced disclosure level under section 113B of the Police Act 1997. If the certificate discloses any information which would in the opinion of the chairman or the Principal or the CEO confirm that person's unsuitability to work with children, then s/he will be disqualified. If a dispute arises as to whether a person should be disqualified, a referral will be made to the Secretary of State to determine the matter. The determination of the Secretary of State will be final.
- Where, by virtue of this Scheme of Delegation, a person becomes disqualified from serving on the Local Governing Body and s/he was, or was proposed, to so serve, s/he must upon becoming so disqualified give written notice of that fact to the Local Governing Body, who will inform the Directors.
- These disqualifications shall also apply to any member of any committee of the Local Governing Body who is not a member of the Local Governing Body.

INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A LOCAL PARENT GOVERNOR? IF SO, CONTACT THE ACADEMY OFFICE FOR A NOMINATION FORM OR E-MAIL governance@wiseacademies.co.uk AND RETURN IT BY NO LATER THAN THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY ON FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026



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