



# WOODLANDS SCHOOL

ASPIRATION, RESILIENCE, OPPORTUNITY, EXCELLENCE

## **Voluntary Community Governor Vacancies**

At Woodlands School, Aspiration, Resilience, Opportunity, Excellence, is our ethos and these four pillars underpin all we do and drive us forward as one learning community. We are therefore reaching out to employers within Basildon who may wish to work with us to forge partnerships and build a legacy within the Basildon community.

As a school we are focused on ensuring academic excellence for all our youngsters, allowing them the opportunity to thrive at further and higher education. We provide a wealth of opportunities for our pupils to learn in and beyond the classroom. Adding cultural capital and ensuring experiences to develop the whole child.

To become a Governor at Woodlands School, the most important thing is having a keen interest in the school and community that we serve as well as being prepared to play an active part in the Governing Board's work. Each term there is one Governing Board meetings which is usually held face to face, plus we have Local Governing Body meetings that meet each term virtually. We also encourage our Governors to visit the school each term to fully understand the various aspects of school life. This is an unpaid, voluntary role.

For us effective governance is based on six key features:

- Strategic leadership that sets and champions vision, ethos, and strategy.
- Accountability that drives up educational standards and financial performance.
- People with the right skills, experience, qualities, and capacity.
- Structures that reinforce clearly defined roles and responsibilities.
- Compliance with statutory and contractual requirements.
- Evaluation to monitor and improve the quality and impact of governance

### **Qualifications and Skills:**

- A genuine interest in education and a commitment to promoting the best possible outcomes for all youngsters.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to work collaboratively as part of a diverse team.
- Strong analytical and critical thinking abilities, enabling you to assess information, make informed decisions, and contribute to strategic planning.
- The ability to dedicate time and energy to the role, attending meetings and training sessions, and actively engaging in governor responsibilities.
- Prior experience in education, governance, or community involvement is desirable but not essential.

Woodlands School is committed to safeguarding the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This appointment will be subject to an enhanced disclosure check from the Disclosure and Barring Service and a Right to Work in the UK check.

**Training:**

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as training provided by external providers. The term of office is four years. You will be expected to attend meetings, be a member of governing body committees, maintain confidentiality, commit to training and visit the school.

Further information is available in the [Governance Handbook 2020 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Along with your expression of interest, you may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words. After submitting an expression of interest, you will be required to attend an informal interview with the Chair of Trustees and the Head Teacher.

If you feel you would like to join the third most popular school in Essex and be part of our exciting journey to change lives please complete the application form which can be found on our website via the following link [Community Governor Application Form](#) or by scanning the QR code below:



The closing date is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

