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Dear Parent/Carer and Wider School Community

## **CO-OPTED GOVERNOR VACANCIES AT SIR WILLIAM ROBERTSON ACADEMY**

We are looking to co-opt additional governors onto the Local Governing Body at Sir William Robertson Academy.

### **What does the Sir William Robertson Academy Local Governing Body do?**

It has devolved responsibilities to monitor and evaluate the progress Sir William Robertson Academy is making towards its development priorities. It acts as a source of challenge and support to the Headteacher and works as a collective body to ensure that Sir William Robertson Academy pupils receive a high-quality education.

In reality, this means that the Local Governing Body:

- Reviews the intent, implementation and impact of the school curriculum
- Reviews associated budgets and monitors how money is spent
- Engages with pupils, staff, parents and the school community
- Serves on panels and makes decisions about matters which affect pupil outcomes and the climate for learning
- Addresses a range of education issues within the school, including disadvantaged pupils, pupils with special educational needs, pupil and staff wellbeing, staff recruitment and development
- Analyses data and other evidence to ask questions about the school and the quality of education

### **Who are we seeking?**

Schools benefit from a range of professional knowledge and skills on their Local Governing Bodies including education, finance, human resources, legal, marketing and public relations, property and estates management, and organisational change. Sir William Robertson Academy is no exception and is particularly interested in hearing from those with experience in:

- Education (Primary, Secondary, Further or Higher education)
- Law
- Health Service (mental and/or physical health)
- Special Educational Needs
- Safeguarding
- Creative industries (Arts, Music, etc)
- Careers
- STEM-related industries (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths, IT, etc)

You might be a parent of a child currently attending Sir William Robertson Academy, have had a child who has left the school in the recent past, or you may have had no form of direct involvement with the school previously. Our primary consideration will be the key skills which you can bring to the Local Governing Body for the benefit of the school community.

### **What is the level of commitment and what can I expect in return?**

The Local Governing Body meets once every half-term in school on a pre-arranged evening, for approximately 2.5 hours. In addition to this, governors are linked to school development priority areas; and are strongly encouraged to arrange to come into school during term time to review these with school leaders, teachers and pupils.



Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills, as part of a committed and friendly body. We don't expect you to be an expert in the education system, but to have the necessary skills, character and time to contribute. There is plenty of training (face-to-face or online) and resources available to assist you with this.

If you are interested in bringing your unique experiences, perspectives and insights to this worthwhile role, please submit an email to: [clerk@swracademy.org](mailto:clerk@swracademy.org) by 5.00pm on Monday 21 February 2022, with a brief outline of your skills, experience and motivation for being a school governor. We will subsequently contact interested parties regarding the next steps.

Please note all governors will be subject to safer recruitment checks, prior to confirming their appointment.

We thank you in advance and look forward to hearing from you.

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