



School Governor Required with Health and Safety specialism (Volunteer role)

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We are a two form entry school, in North Solihull, which offers an outstanding education for all our pupils. Smith's Wood was graded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in 2017.

Our school building is vibrant and exciting, offering pupils learning areas which are themed and unique.

At Smith's Wood Primary Academy, we have a dedicated and committed staff, all of whom work extremely hard to make a difference to the lives of the pupils within our school.

The motto 'More than a School' encompasses everything that the school believes in and we guarantee that children will have a fantastic primary school education if they join us here at Smith's Wood Primary

School governors make a valuable contribution to children's education, opportunities and futures.

About the role

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 in a board-level environment. You will also be joining the largest volunteer force in the country: there are over a quarter of a million volunteers governing state funded schools in England.

Schools need governing boards that have a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience to enable it to be effective. Ofsted (the national inspection body for schools) has repeatedly noted that the most effective schools demonstrate effective leadership and management - including by the governing board.

We require a Governor with a Health and Safety background. Anyone aged 18 or over can be a governor or trustee (but there are some exceptions) and you do not need to be a parent. There is no requirement for you to have an understanding of the education system, just the necessary skills, character and time to contribute. There is plenty of training available to help you learn about education. Schools need and benefit from a range of professional knowledge on their governing board including education, finance, human resources, legal, marketing and public relations, property and estates management, and organisational change.

As a governor, you will be able to:

- Use your own experience of education and life beyond school to inform conversations
- Develop and utilise your skills in a board-level environment
- Make a valuable contribution to education and your community
- Support and challenge the school so that it improves for pupils and staff
- Bring your unique experiences, perspectives and insights in to decision-making in the interests of the school community

This post is covered by Part 7 of the Immigration Act (2016) and therefore the ability to speak fluent and spoken English is an essential requirement for this role.

How to apply

Closing Date: 03 April 2020. Please contact the school office on 0121 779 8050 to arrange an informal visit and to meet the Principal and our fabulous pupils. A letter outlining what you could bring to the role will be welcomed.

Safeguarding

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS certificate is a requirement of the role. All applicants will be required to provide two suitable references.

Terms and conditions

This is a volunteer role.