



'To create centres of educational excellence that inspire all pupils to turn their Potential into Performance'

The Trustees of The Park Academies Trust are looking to increase the expertise on the Trust Board and are particularly interested in hearing from those with skills and experience at a strategic level in the following areas:

- Accounting and Finance
- Education
- Human Resources
- Legal expertise

What does a Trustee do?

The board of Trustees manages the business of the Academy Trust and may exercise all the powers of the Academy Trust. The board focuses strongly on the three core functions of governance:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- 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. The board of Trustees signs off the annual accounts and is responsible for adherence to the Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State. It is the Trustees who are therefore responsible for the Trust's accountability to Parliament and to the Secretary of State as the Principal Regulator of academies as exempt charities.

How does it differ from a school-specific Governor?

Trustees delegate some functions to Local Advisory Boards (LABs) which sit for each Academy within the trust. The Local Governors within the LABs focus purely on improving standards at that individual Academy. A Trustee is not school-specific but will have an overarching and strategic view of **all** schools in the Trust.

What's the commitment involved and what's in it for me?

There is no doubt that within a growing Multi-Academy Trust, Trustees will find themselves in demand. Currently Trustees meet up to ten times a year for board or committee meetings. You will also need to allow time to prepare for these meetings, ensuring papers are read and suitable challenging questions are formulated. You will need to make a commitment to attend training to expand your knowledge of governance. There are times when the LABs need some support and you may be called to do some school-specific work.

Although the position of a Trustee is purely a voluntary position, it is rewarding and allows you to make a difference to the lives of young people in your community. You will gain new skills and experience and get the chance to meet and work with other Trustees who are as passionate about improving educational outcomes as you are.

How do I register an interest in becoming a Trustee?

We would love to meet you to discuss how your skills and expertise could benefit the Trust. Please email, Jo Brown, Company Secretary on clerk@theparkacademiestrust.com along with a copy of your CV.

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Chair of Trustees of The Park Academies Trust