

3rd May 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Multi Academy Trust (MAT) Board of Wildern Academy Trust is responsible for both the conduct of the schools in the MAT and for promoting high standards. The MAT comprises of Members, Trustees and Local Governors of the Local Governing Body (LGB). All Members, Trustees and Governors are unpaid volunteers who support the strategic direction of the Trust and the schools. They are not involved in the day to day running of the schools. The Trust Board carries out its role by setting the vision for each school and ensuring the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. LGBs support the Board's responsibilities.

Deer Park's Local Governing Body was established at the start of this academy year and there are two parent governor vacancies to be filled. To be eligible to apply for this vacancy and be elected or appointed the applicant must be a parent, or an individual exercising parental responsibility, of a registered pupil at one or more of the Academies at the time when he is elected or appointed. [Article 54].

Before you decide to stand, or indeed nominate someone, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. Parent governors are there to highlight how governing board decisions impact the school from a parental perspective, you are not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body, bring their individual issues to meetings or solve their problems. Your role is no different from other governors on the LGB who act as an advisory committee for the Trust Board. The LGB works with the leadership team of each school to review student data, performance and progress and changes to the curriculum offer that best meets students' needs and national expectations. The LGB will monitor school's compliance with trust policies and provide feedback to support their development. Applicants need not be experts in the field of education, but do need an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children, as well as the time and willingness to get involved. Applicants also need what is known as 'soft skills', the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as a team, to be able to question, support and challenge, and to make connections between different types of information. All those on the Trust Board and LGB are expected to be able to read straightforward reports and data on school standards. If you are someone with the relevant interest and experience, we would like to hear from you. Meetings are held once each half term and the term of office is four years.

In accordance with legislation for safeguarding children your appointment is subject to an enhanced CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check.

If you would like to apply please download an application form from the Deer Park website on the Recruitment page and return to Annette Towgood, Clerk to the Trust Board, Wildern School, Wildern

Lane, SO30 4EJ or a.towgood@wildern.org by Monday 16th May 2022. We will be holding informal interviews on a date to be arranged to give those persons interested further details.

If, following this, the number of applications exceeds the number of vacancies an election process will be held. The information you provide on your application form will be used as a personal statement to support the election process.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenda A. Lane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the first name.

Glenda Lane
Chair to Trust Board