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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Recruitment for Local Governing Boards (LGB) in the Spire Hub

First, I hope you and your family are all well.

You may recall I wrote at the end of February to invite expressions of interest in the role of Academy Governor from parents, carers and friends of the three academy schools working together in the Spire Hub: Shrewton CE Primary School, St Peter's CE Primary Academy and Wilton CE Primary School.

The Trust is continually looking to recruit additional academy governors, including those with chairing experience, who hold a strategic (not operational) role and use their individual skills, knowledge and experience to hold leaders to account for the educational performance of the academy/ies they oversee. Local Governing Boards (LGBs) are mainly responsible for providing challenge and support to school leaders in relation to standards, pupil progress and outcomes, school improvement, ethos, community engagement and safeguarding.

In terms of time commitment, each LGB meets formally six times per year and two-hour meetings are held in each academy usually starting somewhere between 5-6.30pm. From time-to-time academy governors are invited to attend meetings during the school day where they can, such as, Academy Improvement Meetings run by the relevant Regional Director of Education, Ofsted/SIAMS inspection meetings and monitoring and evaluation visits to assess the progress and impact against the Academy Improvement Plan. There are also occasional panel meetings and governance training events. We try to share the time commitments between LGB members wherever possible.

More details about the Trust's governance, an LGB person specification and role description, and responsibilities of the LGB Chair can be found on our website via: <https://www.dsat.org.uk/governance/>

If you feel you, or your employees, have skills, knowledge or experience which could help one of the committees fulfil its responsibilities as a volunteer please contact me by email via: governance@dsat.org.uk to express your interest and/or ask any questions you may have. No previous experience is required as induction and ongoing training will be provided. Thank you.

Keep safe and well and I shall look forward to hearing from you!

Best wishes,

Claire Emery, Interim Head of Governance