



Learning for Life

Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

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Part of the
Templefields Multi-Academy Trust

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Dear Organisation

I am writing to you as your organisation is a key Harlow stakeholder to see if you might have some staff interested in becoming school governors or trustees? Templefields Multi-Academy Trust is a small primary trust consisting of three Harlow Primary Schools. We have a vacancy for a trustee on the board of trustees and 2 vacancies for a governor on the local governing board of Fawbert and Barnards Primary School in Old Harlow.

We welcome people from all backgrounds and expertise although we would be particularly interested in someone with some financial expertise. We are also keen to increase representation from the BAME community and we are hoping that your organisation can help us to fill this gap.

There are approximately 250,000 school governors in England – the largest volunteer force in the country. High quality governance has a significant impact on how well a school is run and what pupils can achieve. Despite this, 10% of governor positions are vacant.

What do trustee and governing boards do?

Governors and Trustees are responsible for:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school
- Holding the school leaders to account for the educational and financial performance of the school
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure money is well spent

We are all passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

What we are looking for

Contrary to popular thought – you do not have to be a parent or connected to the school in some way to be a governor.

Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School fully complies with information legislation. For the full details on how we use your personal information please see <https://www.fandbharlow.uk/page/?title=GDPR&pid=217> or call the number below if you are unable to access the internet.

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For the school, the main advantage of having you, or one of your colleagues, join our trust or governing board, is the expertise and experience you can bring to the role and the positive impact that will have on the education of our pupils.

What governors get

As a governor or trustee, you will have access to many training modules, most delivered online including induction and more specialist modules.

About our school

Fawbert and Barnards is a primary school in Old Harlow with a good local reputation. The school is a vibrant learning community where children develop the values, attitudes and habits they need to live fulfilled lives and to become confident, life-long learners and responsible members of society.

The school was graded good when it was last inspected and is due an inspection since it became part of Templefields Academy Trust. There is strong collaboration between the three trust schools.

What we require of governors

In terms of time commitment, we expect that governors will attend up to 6 meetings a year, which will take place in the early evening and rarely last more than 2 hours. Occasional visits to see the school in action would be most welcome. This year all meetings and monitoring visits are being held remotely via zoom.

Experience tells us that our governors not only make a difference to the school, but also gain much personal and professional satisfaction from the role.

We hope that you or one of your colleagues might be interested in becoming a governor.

We are happy to talk with anyone interested, or arrange a visit to the school, if you would like to find out more. Please feel free to email or call myself or the Headteacher, our contact details are below.

Yours sincerely

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