

Becoming a Governor /Trustee at Preston Hedge's Academy Trust

Thank you for your interest in working with us and supporting our vision and ethos. We believe that our Governors and Trustees are essential to the quality of our children's education, their opportunities and futures. Our Ethos: Fun, Creativity and Achievement' is at the heart of our curriculum and schools.

'Fun' to create happy confident learners.

'Creativity' to provide pupils with the very best curriculum experiences and foster imaginative, inventive learners providing them with the creative edge through immersive, creative opportunities that enable the children to take part in unique, experiential learning.

'Achievement' to develop children who not only have the strong core skills needed to engage with academia and professional life, but also build confident, enquiring, independent individuals who are well rounded, able to converse at all levels and who have the presence and self-assurance required to succeed in all areas and become the pioneers of tomorrow.

What does a Governor / Trustee do?

Governing boards have three core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the executive leader to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure money is spent well.

Being a school governor or trustee 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.

Anyone aged 18 or over can be a governor or trustee 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.

Further information regarding the criteria for becoming a Governor can be found using the following link:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>