



ADVERT FOR SCHOOL GOVERNOR

Southampton Hospital School is honoured to have been called ‘one of the smallest but most important schools in the city’. Having a proven track record as a “Good” school we are continuing on our journey to be recognised as “Outstanding” and are looking for experienced individuals to join our Governing Body. If you are a driven professional with expertise in one of the following fields we would love to hear from you:

- Finance & Accounting
- Business & Marketing
- Leading in the Education sector
- Safeguarding & Child Protection
- HR or Health & Safety

Although a small school, our leadership team upholds the highest standards for teaching and learning and are driven by an ambition for their pupils; looking beyond the data and celebrating the significant positive impact the school has on each and every one of its students. The whole school community carries an established vision of aspiration, resilience and compassion: supporting pupils from reception to year 11 with chronic, life threatening and terminal illness through a pioneering non-linear curriculum that places the child at the centre of their education.

Having first been established over 30 years ago, the school has fostered extremely close links with the NHS, giving its teachers unprecedented access to training on supporting pupils with mental health and medical needs. This has led to the development of our own training packages on mental health that are being delivered in schools across the region by our expert staff.

The school’s expertise and vision to support all pupils with medical needs has also led to establishing a reintegration service that works alongside Southampton schools to ensure every child is able to access education regardless of their medical needs. This service provides advice and support to schools and also educates pupils who are currently not attending school, developing bespoke packages to reintegrate these pupils into their own schools.

If you are a professional, with a passion for education, we invite you to consider joining our Governing body, to help shape the future of a unique and truly child-centred school.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE ROLE:

Governors are concerned with the strategic aims and objectives of the school; helping to set and monitor the progress towards these aims. Governors also shape and review school policies, ensuring relevant compliance. Finally, governors help to monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards its aims through providing effective support and challenge to the Headteacher.

In order to achieve this, school governors are equipped with interpersonal skills of tact and diplomacy, able to uphold confidentiality and self-evaluate. A governor does not need to be an expert in all areas of governance but will take responsibility for a key area of professional expertise. Relevant training will be provided which all governors are required to attend in addition to attending at least 6 FGB meetings per academic year and any occasional committees if required. The governor role is not paid, however, agreed expenses such as travel are reimbursed.

NEXT STEPS:

If you would like more information about this advert, please contact the school office on 023 8120 6667 or email our Business Officer, Joe Connelly: info@southamptonhospitalschool.co.uk. Please note that all prospective governors will be required to complete an application form including supplying references. All governors also undergo DBS and other safeguarding vetting prior to being appointed.