



## Co-opted Governor Opportunities at Wollaston Primary School

### What we are looking for?

We are currently looking for 2 enthusiastic and committed people to join Wollaston Primary School's Local Advisory Committee LAC (previously known as the Governing Board) as **Co-opted Governors**.

The Wollaston LAC is comprised of Staff, Parents and Co-opted Governors. We are looking for people from all walks of life to bring different perspectives and views. Governors are volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between the school and the community in which it serves.

Co-opted Governors need not be experts in the field of education or have children at the school. What we do require is an active interest in the school and in the welfare of its pupils and staff. Governors must have the ability to be able to build relationships, work as part of a team, to be able to question and challenge, be committed to supporting our school community, and have the time and willingness to get involved.

We are however particularly interested in hearing from anyone with an interest, skill, experience or understanding in any of the following areas:

- Local community/business links
- Human resources
- Knowledge of Primary education

### What is the role of the L.A.C?

In short, our LAC has 2 core functions:

- **Setting the strategic direction** – we ensure there is clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school
- **Holding to account** – we are responsible for holding the Head and Senior Leadership Team to account for the quality of teaching and learning, levels of achievement, behaviours and safety

In practice, though, the LAC can best be described as a “critical friend”. The Head has overall responsibility for the day-to-day running, internal organisation, management and control of the school. The LAC is there to provide a framework which helps the Head deliver

the aims and vision of the school and enables them to achieve their objectives through the right mix of support and challenge.

### **What we ask from our Governors?**

Although Governors are volunteers, excellent support and development opportunities are provided through a comprehensive induction process. Regular face-to-face (Covid restrictions permitting) or online training is also available throughout the year from Inspire Multi Academy Trust, which Wollaston Primary has been part of since 2014.

The commitment we ask for is:

- to attend and contribute to a termly meeting of the LAC. Currently these are held virtually via Zoom/Teams. (Monday 5.30pm-7.30pm)
- when required, to sit on any committee or working party and attend all associated meetings
- to monitor a subject link area within the school, e.g. Numeracy, Literacy, Science, Early Years and meet with the staff subject leader on a minimum of a termly basis, reporting on each visit to the LAC
- to visit the school formally once a term for monitoring purposes as directed by the LAC,
- to commit to attend training courses,
- to comply with the expectations set out in our Code of Conduct.

### **Remember**

- You don't need to be a parent or live in Wollaston. Please feel free to share this with friends, relatives, colleagues who you think may have an interest in being involved.
- Please don't be put off by thinking that you need to have specialist experience or knowledge. Enthusiasm and interest is much more important to start with and there is training and support to help you on your journey.

Being a Governor is challenging and does involve a time commitment; but helping oversee the development of a school is fulfilling, enjoyable, and extremely rewarding work.

If you would like to apply or have any questions please contact the Chair of Wollaston Primary LAC, Amisha Patel at [ChairWollastonPrimaryLAC@gmail.com](mailto:ChairWollastonPrimaryLAC@gmail.com)

***Deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.***