



## Western House Academy

*where every opportunity shapes a life*



*to question is to grow*

### SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCY

We are seeking a committed, forward-looking Community Governor to join our governing body and play an active role in the strategic leadership of our school. This is a rewarding opportunity to use your skills, experience, and local insight to support children's primary education and be part of a dedicated, purpose-driven team.

Western House Academy is a 3-form entry primary school in the heart of Cippenham, Slough. We are one of 10 schools that make up The Park Federation Trust. We are a culturally diverse, successful school that is rich in aspiration for our children. We pride ourselves on strong values and a curriculum that offers breadth of opportunity. <https://www.westernhouse.academy/>

We are currently looking for a Community Governor to join our Academy Council.

The Academy Council is made up of 3 Community Governors, 3 Parent Governors, 2 Staff Governors and the Principal. Our collective responsibilities are:

- Ensuring clarity of strategic vision and ethos.
- Holding the School Principal to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing financial performance and that money is well spent.

### Being a Governor at Western House Academy

Our governors come from a range of backgrounds but we all share a deep commitment to providing the best possible education for the children in Western House Academy and for our school to continue to flourish. We meet formally up to twice/term, on Fridays during the school day. Governors also take on link roles to monitor how well aspects of the school's strategy are being implemented and are invited to visibly support some of the school's key events during the year.

These are voluntary roles and, as such, unremunerated.

### What you will bring

Ideally, you will:

- be able to work as part of a team, think strategically and consider matters objectively;
- be willing to bring energy and commitment to the role;
- have an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions or debate issues affecting the school;
- be able to bring your unique experiences to the Academy Council's collective knowledge, skills and ability to inform decisions;

- be looking for an opportunity to make an invaluable contribution to education and the community .

A background in education is not essential, you will be given a programme of induction including free training and access to online resources.

Whilst enthusiasm, commitment and occasional ability to visit the school during the working day are the most important attributes we are seeking, we would be particularly interested in applications from people who may have particular links within the local community or with backgrounds in one or more of: stakeholder or public relations, information technology, or business skills.

### **Applications**

Community Governors are appointed by the Academy Council. Applications should be made in the first instance by letter to the Chair of the Academy, enclosing a brief CV and covering letter setting out your motivation for the role, either forwarded via the school office or email direct to [whaoffice@theparkfederation.org](mailto:whaoffice@theparkfederation.org) .

The closing date for applications is as and when we receive successful applications. Suitable applicants will be invited to meet the Chair and Principal at school ahead of final nominations being put forward to the Academy Council for election in March. All candidates will be subject to DBS clearance.

If you would like to discuss and aspect of the role further or would like more information, then please email me or leave a message with the School Office and I will be more than happy to call or meet up.

Our Governors play an essential part in the efficient running of the school. The role offers opportunities to develop and contribute in an immensely rewarding and fulfilling role. Thank you for your interest.



Simon Carter  
Academy Council Chair  
Western House Academy