

SOMERS HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Becoming a Governor at Somers Heath Primary School

Catalyst Academies Trust is a multi-academy Trust specialising in primary academies, particularly those based in Thurrock, allowing pupils to access to outstanding educational provision by supporting and empowering teachers and leaders in other schools/academies to develop outstanding teaching and achievement outcomes.

Catalyst Academies Trust was set up in 2013 and has continued to grow from strength to strength. Benyon Primary School joined the Trust in April 2013 and achieved a 'Good' Ofsted grading in March 2015. Quarry Hill Academy joined the Trust in July 2013, and achieved Ofsted 'Outstanding' in June 2016. Somers Heath Primary joined in June 2017 after achieving a 'Good' Ofsted grading. Aveley Primary School joined the Trust in February 2019.

Catalyst Academies Trust Board delegates some of its functions through a Scheme of Delegation to the Local Governing Body (LGB) of each Trust school. The Local Governing Body, with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. The LGB has three core strategic functions:

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

Each governor is chosen for the skills, knowledge and links that he or she can bring to the Local Governing Body. The composition of the Local Governing Body is reviewed periodically to ensure that there is a good mix of expertise, interest and relevance as well as capacity. No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the Local Governing Body's work. Governors are appointed for a period of 2 years.

Catalyst Academies Trust are now looking to appoint governors within the Trust, in particular to Somers Heath Primary School. Interested volunteers will be expected to complete a skills expertise analysis and include a short personal statement (no longer than 250 words) to support your application outlining their interest in and suitability for the role.

The enclosed sheet summaries the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a Governor. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Miss Doust, Clerk to Governors, Catalyst Academies Trust for further details at contactus@catrust.org.uk.

Applications, including the name of the school where you would like to apply to be a Governor, should be returned **no later than 26th January 2024**. Applications should be addressed to Miss B Doust, Clerk to Governors, via the school office or by email to the address listed above.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Curtis
Headteacher

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Qualifications and Disqualifications to Serve As a School Governor

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of his/her election or appointment and cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

No person who is a Local Authority Associated Person is eligible to be appointed to the office of governor unless his/her appointment to such office is authorised by the local authority to which he is associated.

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor if he or she:

- is subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order
- has had his/her estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced
- is subject to:
 - a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Act 1986
 - a disqualification order under the Companies Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a county court administration order)
- has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of anybody
- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children
- is disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under section 142 of the Education Act 2002
- is disqualified from working with children under sections 28,29, or 29A of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000
- is disqualified from registration under Part 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 for child minding or providing day care
- is disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- has received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than 3 months (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before or since becoming a governor
- has received a prison sentence of 2½ years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor
- has at any time received a prison sentence of 5 years or more
- has been convicted under section 547 of EA 1996 (nuisance or disturbance on school premises) or under section 85A of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (nuisance or disturbance on educational premise) during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor
- has refused a request by the clerk to the governing body to make an application under section 113B of the Police Act 1997 for a criminal records certificate
- has been disqualified from holding office as a governor of this school due to failure to attend governing body meetings for a continuous period of six months

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