



**WIMBORNE**  
Academy Trust

# **School Governance EMS Academy Committee**

## **Parent Membership**



# PARENTS

Have you got what it takes  
to be an Academy  
Committee Member?

# Role of an Academy Committee Member: Thinking & Questioning

An effective Academy Committee Member makes a **strong contribution** to the work of the Academy Committee in ensuring **high standards** of achievement for all children and young people in the school by **holding** the Headteacher **to account** for the educational performance of the school and its pupils

# Making a Difference

- **Contribute** – to determining the ethos of the school, to ensuring it holds true to its values and vision, and to making sure it is fulfilling the requirements of the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education
- **Hold the Headteacher to account**- by monitoring the school's performance and ensuring that all children, including those with special educational needs, have access to a broad and balanced curriculum
- **Visiting School** – school visits and liaising with staff play an important part in ensuring the Committee understands how the school is meeting its objectives
- **Take Part** - in Committee meetings, actively asking questions and voicing opinions, to support the effective running of the Committee and the school

# What you won't do

- Write School Policies
- Undertake any audits (even if qualified to do so)
- Spend lots of time with pupils (seek volunteer roles in school for this)
- Fundraise (PTA function)
- Undertake in depth classroom observations
- Undertake the work of the school staff

# How to become a Member – types of Membership

- **Parent** Parent of current EMS pupil(s), elected by parent (through ballot process if necessary)
- **Foundation** Members appointed by the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education
- **Staff** Members of EMS teaching or support staff, elected by staff (through ballot process if necessary)
- **Trust Appointed** Members of the Community appointed by the WAT Trustees

# Qualities & Skills Required

- **Desire to play an active role** - in ensuring that the school achieves its aims & objectives in line with guidelines and policies
- **Be a “critical friend”** - prepared to question and challenge the Headteacher, and recognise and celebrate the school’s successes
- **Commitment** – must be willing to prepare for and attend meetings and occasional school visits

**No professional or academic qualifications needed**

# News on Recruiting Parent Members

- There are currently Parent Member vacancies on the Committee
- Expressions of Interests are invited, with further information supplied to those who are interested. During the recruitment process for new Parent Members, there will also be an opportunity to have an informal chat with the Chairman
- This will then lead to nominations being invited. If two or more nominations are received before the closing date, an election (ballot) will be organised
- There are other types of Membership –perhaps you know someone who is not a parent of an EMS pupil but may be interested in joining the Committee? If so please contact the Clerk via ([hrichards@wimborneacademytrust.org](mailto:hrichards@wimborneacademytrust.org)) to discuss a nomination.