



## Have you ever considered becoming a school governor?

The Local Governing Committees of South East Cornwall Multi Academy Regional Trust (SMART) need additional governors and are seeking to attract people with skills and experience from our community who would like to dedicate some of their time to supporting our young people.

Our schools are; Dobwalls Community Primary School, Landulph Primary School, Liskeard School & Community College, Looe Community Academy, saltash.net and Trewidland Primary and Pre-School.

Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It requires a commitment to attending regular meetings to consider all the issues that go into running a successful, happy and well managed school. Local Governors are involved in their school community, acting as critical friends to the Headteacher and senior leaders. They can transform the lives of children and young people, helping to improve educational standards by working as a team to support and challenge senior school leadership in the running of their schools.

Because we are a Multi Academy Trust you are never alone and have the support of colleagues across all our schools. We will help people with little knowledge of schools gain the understanding they need to take on the role.

Anyone aged over 18 can be a governor (but there are some exceptions) and you do not need to be a parent. There is no requirement for you to have an understanding of the education system, just the necessary skills, character and time to contribute. Schools need and benefit from a range of professional knowledge on their governing committees, including education, finance, human resources, legal, marketing and public relations, property and estates management, and organisational change.



Meetings last around two hours and are lively and interactive. Most of our current governors work full time and manage to fit in their role around their other commitments.

Most governor appointments are a term of four years



Governors are expected to attend 6 full governing committee meetings at a minimum.

The preparation, participation and travel for these meetings, and training, will comprise 4-5 hours a month for 9 months of the year, mainly in the evenings or late afternoon.

If you would like to discuss the role informally in the first instance, please contact the Clerk to Governors: Kate Williams by email - [Kate.Williams@smart-trust.net](mailto:Kate.Williams@smart-trust.net)

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