



# Bassingbourn Village College

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## **Trust Appointed Governor – Bassingbourn Village College**

Anglia Learning Multi-Academy Trust is looking to appoint a governor to the Local Governing Body of Bassingbourn Village College.

BVC is an excellent school with a strong positive ethos. In 2017 the College achieved a “Good” rating from Ofsted, who described BVC as a great school built upon strong relationships. Ofsted noted in particular the safe and inclusive atmosphere, where good behaviour is a strength and supports learning well.

Governors are responsible for providing strategic leadership and accountability in schools. They help to decide the priorities for improving the school and work in partnership with the headteacher, senior leadership team and other governors to raise standards and improve outcomes for all students. Our Trust governors are very valuable members of the governing body and we rely on them to provide us with the skills and experience we need to function effectively. These include understanding and/or experience of governance and strategic planning, communication skills including being able to discuss sensitive issues tactfully, and ability to analyse and understand data.

Governing bodies are entrusted with a great deal of information, some of which may be confidential; governors are therefore required to observe complete confidentiality when matters are deemed confidential or where they concern specific members of staff or students, both inside or outside school. Being a school governor also requires a time commitment that includes attending meetings and events inside and outside of school, and reading and commenting on documents outside of meetings. You will also be required to attend training courses and termly briefings outside of school.

If you have time to commit to this role we would like you to consider becoming a Trust governor at BVC.

The term of office for a Trust governor is four years; this will start from September 2018 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Closing date for receipt of expressions of interest: 8 June 2018.

## **Further Details**

### **Role Description:**

- Trust governor.
- This is a voluntary post and is not remunerated.
- Trust governors are accountable to the Board of Trustees of Anglia Learning Multi-Academy Trust.

**Role Summary:**

- This role contributes to the work of the Local Governing Body in raising standards of achievement for all pupils. This involves providing strategic direction for the College, providing advice and on occasions, sensitive challenge to ensure a progressive improvement in standards across the College.
- Governors do not need to have qualifications and need to be aged 18 years and above.
- Governors have a responsibility to work collaboratively with other members of the governing body, to the staff and students of the College, and the College's wider community.

**Main responsibilities:**

- Developing a strategic direction and plan for the College;
- Determining the aims and priorities of the College;
- Approving key College policies;
- Setting statutory and non-statutory targets;
- Monitoring and evaluating the work of the College;
- Appointing staff and ensuring the implementation of a range of personnel procedures;
- Oversight and management of the budget;
- Securing high levels of attendance and good standards of pupil behaviour;
- Ensuring that all children in the school have access to a broad and balanced curriculum, which is suitable to their age, aptitude and ability, which prepares them for progression on to secondary education and adult life; and,
- Ensuring the health and safety of pupils and staff.

**Main tasks:**

- Attending and participating in Local Governing Body meetings and other meetings as required;
- To get to know the College, its needs, strengths and areas for development;
- To work as a member of a team;
- To speak, act and vote in the best interests of the College;
- To observe complete confidentiality when matters are deemed confidential or where they concern specific members of staff or students, both inside or outside school;
- To act within the framework of the policies of the governing body and legal requirements
- To participate in training and development opportunities as appropriate; and,
- To uphold the reputation of the College and the Trust at all times

Guidance from the Department for Education suggests that governors' commitment will be between ten to twenty days maximum per year. All governors are required to have a full DBS check.

Knowledge of the workings of a school/Academy governing body would be helpful but is by no means essential.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Trust governor should contact Prof. Steve Morris, the Chair of the Local Governing Body, by email: [SMorris@bassingbournvc.net](mailto:SMorris@bassingbournvc.net).

Yours faithfully,



Duncan Cooper  
Principal



Steve Morris  
Chair of Local Governing Body