



Marlborough Road Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Governor Vacancy for Marlborough Road Academy Local Governing Body (LGB)

We are writing to all parents to invite you to join the LGB as a parent governor. The LGB is seeking a parent governor to join with immediate effect, and we are particularly interested in receiving applications from (but not limited to) anybody who has expertise, experience or skill in Finance. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at Marlborough Road Academy.

Do you have?

- An interest in improving education for all pupils, not just your own child?
- The skills and personality required to support and challenge the School to continually strive for improvement?
- An interest in our young people's future?
- Time, energy and enthusiasm?
- A desire to make a difference?
- Readiness to accept responsibility?
- An ability to work as a team?
- Are you happy to ask questions, listen and learn?
- A commitment to the United Learning [ethos and values "The Best in Everyone"](#)

If you answer yes to these questions, you could have what it takes to join one of the largest volunteer groups in the country, working with others to get the best for our young people. No special qualifications are needed - the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the LGB's work.

As a Local Governor your duties will include supporting and challenging the Leadership Team on their school improvement journey. You will attend and contribute to meetings of the LGB and be an ambassador and critical friend of the school. The LGB is a committee of the United Learning Multi-academy Trust (MAT), with delegated responsibilities clearly set out in the [Scheme of Delegation](#). United Learning is a group of schools committed to providing excellent education through which all pupils are able to progress, achieve and go on to succeed in life. Our approach is underpinned by a sense of moral purpose and commitment to doing what is right for children and young people, supporting colleagues to achieve excellence and acting with integrity in all our dealings within and beyond the organisation, in the interests of young people everywhere. We summarise this ethos as 'the best in everyone'.

Meetings are normally held on a Thursday after school, and you would be asked to attend at least three LGB meetings across the academic year. Performing School monitoring visits is also part of the

task of governors. Individual governors are appointed to work on behalf of the LGB as nominated governors, responsible for a discrete area of focus, for example, Special Educational Needs or Safeguarding. Nominated governors are asked to visit the school (or hold remote meetings) at least termly, in line with Government and School advice.

We will ensure that you have access to relevant training (normally evenings) to ensure that you are prepared to be an effective governor, and the Chair and Principal will work with you to provide any support you need in your role.

Within United Learning, governors are appointed to serve based upon the skills and expertise that they can offer. The recruitment process involves meeting with Chair and Principal. We will also ask you to complete a skills audit and submit a short application form. For further information on the role, or to arrange an informal discussion with the Chair, please contact Tracy Terry, Cluster Governance Manager on tracy.terry@parksidecc.org.uk.

Best wishes

Chair of the LGB

Principal