



OUR ACADEMIES
NEED
GOVERNORS
LIKE YOU

Could your skills
and experience give
young people better
opportunities to
succeed?

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Ormiston Academies Trust

Achieving more together

A young girl with brown hair tied back, wearing a dark blue school uniform with a white collar, is smiling warmly at the camera. She is in a classroom setting with other students blurred in the background.

Join a team that makes sure pupils get the best possible education.

Governors work as a team to support a school. They challenge its progress and make sure that pupils are getting the education they deserve.

Inspection evidence tells us that there is a strong relationship between good governance, the quality of leadership and management and the quality of pupil achievement.

Governors are valued members of the Ormiston network and have the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of young people through education.

As a governor you can gain transferable skills to help with your career development, such as boardroom experience, chairing meetings and sub committees, appointing key members of staff and receiving training. Every governor is expected to contribute to academy business and every governor can expect to learn something new.

The specifics

At most academies you'll need to attend a governors' meeting each half term. You'll also be expected to join one or two sub-committees, which cover different areas like strategy, finance, curriculum and extended services. Governors do not work as individuals so you will need the ability to work as part of a team.

Demands on your time depend partly on how the academy is doing generally. Being a governor can be a busy role if an extra focus is needed on improving results, appointing senior leaders or preparing for an Ofsted inspection.

However, if the academy is doing well, you'll probably need to devote five to eight hours a month to its support.

To support your academy, you will:

- Prepare for and attend meetings: the governing body must meet at least once a term, and you will usually be asked to serve on at least one sub-committee
- Review academy data
- Attend training sessions
- Attend academy events
- Formulate the academy's aims and objectives as a team
- Make governor visits to the academy

“A school is only as successful as the people in it and I’m lucky to be involved in the governance of a school where the people are a community and work hard to achieve a feeling of family. To be a small part of that process is a privilege and an honour and very rewarding.”

Governor, George Salter Academy

Academies

Academies are independent schools that are free to attend and are directly funded by the government. Being independent means that academies have more freedom to help pupils achieve.

The government gives academies the same funding as other local schools with opportunities for additional funding. Also the sponsor puts time and expertise into running an academy.

Academies are inspected by Ofsted and have to maintain the same high standards as other schools. Academies share their facilities and expertise with primary and secondary schools and the local community.

About Ormiston Academies Trust

Ormiston Academies Trust is a multi-academy sponsor with a mission to transform the life chances of the young people and their families in the academies we support. Mostly working in areas of deprivation, Ormiston academies face many challenges and require high calibre, committed governors to support them on their journey of improvement and transformation.

With more than 30 academies in the network, Ormiston is seeking people who share the ethos and values of the Trust and who can offer leadership, experience as well as the right level of challenge and support to our academies.

If this is you, or if you are interested in becoming an Ormiston governor, we would like to hear from you.

Ormiston has:

- Never run an academy for profit, and never will
- Raised the achievement of five or more GCSE A*-C grades, including English and mathematics, every year for the last six years across Ormiston academies.



Contact

Anyone aged 18 or over and living in the UK can be a governor. You don't need formal qualifications, just the skills to participate in meetings and to support the academy. Of course you will also care about the future of the young people in your community.

If you want to make an impact on education, please contact us to find out more. If you wish to apply to be a governor, you can access an application form from www.ormistonacademiestrust.co.uk/governors.

For an informal chat please speak to a member of our Governance team, on 0121 262 4734 or email governance@ormistonacademies.co.uk.

Governors do have to have a criminal record check before they start.

Ormiston Academies Trust is committed to protecting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

“Whether you’re a new or experienced governor, the Ormiston governance team provides excellent support through induction and on-going support.”

Governor, Ormiston Forge Academy

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