

Dear Interested Party -

You may be aware that Derby Cathedral School is a relatively new secondary school in Derby and the only Church of England secondary school in Derby/Derbyshire. I am writing to a number of local organisations to see if you know of anyone who would be interested in supporting us through becoming a school governor. Our Local Governing body are keen to recruit two new governors. This is to reflect our continued growth as we open our Sixth Form in September.

Our school has a local governing body who work within a scheme of delegation from the trust. The core functions of the governing body are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding senior leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation, its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

There are no particular qualifications required for the role but governors do need to be able to dedicate time to attend meetings, school visits and training. They are also expected to write reports on their school visits and to read policies and reports on the school written by the headteacher.

Governors currently meet as a board nine times a year. All meetings are held in school and usually start at 3.30pm and are finished around 5.30pm. Governors are also required to visit the school during the day for link visits, at least once a term, and are encouraged to support school events, where possible.

We offer new governors a comprehensive and supportive induction, and each new governor is assigned a mentor. Full training for the role is also available. Governors are expected to participate in additional training modules every year. The term of office for all governors is four years.

At present, we are particularly keen to recruit Governors who have a diverse heritage (other than White British) or who can speak more than one language – approximately 50% of our students have a heritage other than White British, and 17% speak a first language other than English, but at present these groups are under-represented on our Governing Body. However, we are happy to receive applications from anyone who is willing to give their time and feels that they can contribute.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in the above role then we would really appreciate it if you are able to contact Katie Walmsley (PA to the Headteacher) k.walmsley@derbycathedralschool.org.uk. We would be happy to then have a conversation and provide further details of the role.

Many thanks for your time and consideration,



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