



## **Governors Wanted!**

The Short Stay School for Norfolk (SSSFN) is a single countywide Academy which meets the needs of a diverse cohort of vulnerable and challenging young people from 8 physical locations. The majority of our young people have been permanently excluded from school and are preparing for an onward transition to their new school or specialist provision.

Our Academy is sponsored by the Engage Trust – a specialist sponsor of Alternative and Special Academies. The Trust provides outstanding support for the Local Governing Body (LGB) of the SSSFN and delegates the majority of the governance.

Our Local Governing Body is made up of Directors from Engage Trust, Community, Partnership and Staff Governors. Our Governors may come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the Academy. We value the link they provide between the school and the community it serves. We are currently looking for new governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:-

- An interest in supporting the most vulnerable and challenging cohort of children in the county
- A desire to provide support and challenge to the school
- An open and enquiring mind – with a good sense of humour!
- The ability to look at issues objectively
- The confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- A willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- The ability to work well with others
- Time to spare

What we can offer is:-

- The opportunity to make a difference in some of the most vulnerable young lives.
- A massive sense of achievement
- The pleasure of helping our pupils reach their potential
- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our school
- Training to develop an understanding of specific school management issues

The Local Governing Body's role is:-

- Setting targets for raising standards of educational achievement
- Monitoring progress towards meeting those targets
- Finding the right balance between supporting and challenging the performance of the Headteacher and therefore the performance of the staff and the school as a whole
- Deciding policy and future development plans

- Upholding good governance and working towards the success of the school
- Supporting the work of the Engage Trust
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Please read further guidance found on the DFE website:-

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/395789/Governors\\_Handbook.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/395789/Governors_Handbook.pdf)

For further information please email: [exec@sssfm.co.uk](mailto:exec@sssfm.co.uk) or check our website [www.ssfm.co.uk](http://www.ssfm.co.uk).

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all Governors and volunteers to share this commitment.

We aim to be an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications irrespective of race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation and/or age. We value the individuality and creativity that every worker potentially brings to the workforce.

All Governors are subject to an enhanced DBS check.