**Governor Application Form**

**Who are we?**

Academies are independent state funded schools established as charitable companies limited by guarantee. A Multi Academy Trust (MAT) is a number of academies (schools) governed by and working within an over-arching Trust Board (The Bath and Mendip Partnership Trust).

The Bath and Mendip Partnership Trust was formed by the merger of The Partnership Trust and The Comenius Trust. It is a partnership between like-minded schools built on principles of equality, trust and respect towards others and is committed to providing an outstanding education for all our pupils.  The Trust strives to create opportunities to develop voice and partnerships across our learning communities and has grown a community of schools supported by a network of quality assured services which ensure that schools remain legally and financially robust and are continually improving.

The Trust is strengthened through Weston All Saints Primary School being a designated National School and Fosse Way School as a National Support School, a Teaching School and a Sponsor School. These designations enable the Trust to provide high quality professional development and support to more than 150 schools across the region each year in addition to our own schools.

**What do our academy governors do**? Bath and Mendip Partnership Trust governors work with headteachers and staff to ensure pupils get the best from their time in our schools. They are involved in:

* Planning to raise standards
* Checking the progress the school is making towards its targets
* Supporting the headteacher and staff as well as challenging their ambition for pupils
* Accounting to all stakeholders for the school’s overall performance

**Who can become a governor**?

We encourage applications from people from all walks of life so that we gain a wide variety of skills and experience to support and develop our schools. At the foot of this form is a list of eligibility criteria, but equally important is your readiness to work as part of a team that understands the school’s work and your ability to think through new ideas and help decide what is best for the school. This will mean you are willing to:

* Attend meetings regularly
* Become involved and get to know the school
* Read all paperwork circulated for meetings
* Attend events at the school
* Respect confidentiality at all times

**What are the benefits of becoming a governor**?

Governors of schools within The Bath and Mendip Partnership Trust find the role challenging, interesting and deeply rewarding because they can see how their work contributes to the well-being and prospects of pupils, schools and communities. It gives them a real opportunity to make a difference and provides experience of executive decision making.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor at one of our schools, please complete the below application form in full and return it to:

office@thepartnershiptrust.com

The Bath and Mendip Partnership Trust

Fosse Way School

Longfellow Road

Radstock

Bath

BA3 3AL

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| Personal Details  |
| Surname  |  |
| Forenames  |  |
| Address |  |
| Telephone Number(s) |  |
| E mail |  |
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| Please tell us which school you wish to be considered for the position of Governor at |  |
| Please tell us how you became aware of this Governor opportunity  |  |
| What interests you in becoming a Governor at The Bath and Mendip Partnership Trust  |  |
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| Are you or have you ever been a Governor at any other educational establishment? If yes, please provide details.  |  |
| Have you ever been removed from a governing body or Board of Directors? If yes, please provide details.  |  |
| Do you have any criminal convictions? If yes, please provide details.  |  |
| Is there anything in your personal or professional life that may bring The Bath and Mendip Partnership Trust into disrepute? If yes, please provide details.  |  |
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| **Skills Audit**  |
| The following skills audit enables the Trust and its respective Governing Bodies and committees to explore its skills and knowledge base and use the information to organise and delegate tasks and assist in identifying any skills gaps for recruitment and training purposes. Do you have any of the following skills or experience? (tick if applicable)  |
| Business Strategy  |  |  | Leadership  |  |
| Data analysis  |  | Education attainment, leadership and progress  |  |
| Financial Planning  |  | Governance  |  |
| Health and Safety  |  | Human Resources  |  |
| ICT knowledge  |  | Legal knowledge  |  |
| Local knowledge  |  | Marketing / PR  |  |
| Estate Management  |  | Procurement/ contracting services  |  |
| Project Management  |  |  |  |
| Are there any other skills or experience that you have gained that you could bring to the Bath and Mendip Partnership Trust? |  |
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| Are you or have you been a parent of a child attending or who has attended a school within The Bath and Mendip Partnership Trust? If yes, please provide details  |  |
| Are you or have you been a contractor or supplier to The Bath and Mendip Partnership Trust or one of its schools? If yes, please provide details |  |
| Are you or have you been an employee of The Bath and Mendip Partnership Trust or one of its schools? If yes, please provide details.  |  |
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| **References**  |
| Please provide details of two referees. Please note that these people cannot be related to you, your spouse or civil partner. References will only be taken up if your application is successful.  |
| Name |  |
| Address |  |
| E mail  |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Capacity in which they know you.  |  |
| Name |  |
| Address |  |
| E mail  |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Capacity in which they know you.  |  |
| In the interest of safeguarding children, schools will ask you to apply for a Disclosure & Barring Service certificate. “Spent” criminal records and other relevant information may legitimately be disclosed when individuals are involved with schools. If you are aware of any information which may be disclosed, you may wish to discuss its relevance with the Headteacher or a member of The Bath and Mendip Partnership Trust in advance  |
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| **I confirm that I:**  |
| * Am aged over 18
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| * Am not a current pupil at the academy / MAT
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| * Have not been declared bankrupt or had my estate seized for the benefit of creditors (where the declaration or seizure has not been discharged, annulled or reduced)
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| * Am not the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order
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| * Am not subject to a disqualification order or a disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order)
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| * Have not been removed as a trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of misconduct or mismanagement in administration of the charity
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| * Have not been convicted of any criminal offence, excluding any spent convictions, and excluding any offence where the maximum sentence is a fine or lesser sentence (except for offences under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011)
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| **I agree** to provide to the chair of the board of trustees a criminal records certificate at an enhanced disclosure level (under section 113B of the Police Act 1997)  |
| **Signature of trustee/local governor** |  |
| **Date** |  |

**Declaration of Eligibility**  |