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Imagine a world where every child succeeds, whatever their definition of success might be.

At the Roseland Multi-Academy Trust, that's what we want for our students.

But we can't do it alone.

We're recruiting a dynamic team of dedicated governors to help us give our students an outstanding education and set them up for a fulfilling future.

Could you be one of them?

This isn't your average volunteer role

If you've ever wanted to give back to your local community and make a real difference to the lives of children and young people, volunteering as a governor could be for you.



"I had no idea what I was getting into. But after 9 years, my favourite part is still seeing the difference a quality education can make. And I feel proud that I play a part in making that happen."

Morag Cunningham,
governor/trustee, (10 years)

You'll join a team of extraordinary people, all working together to create the best possible education for the children and young people at our schools.

You'll get the chance to use your skills and experience to help shape the curriculum, recruit staff and make sure the schools sit at the heart of their local communities.

And there'll be plenty of opportunities to celebrate the hard work, creativity and brilliance of our pupils and students too.

Not all heroes have capes. Or professional qualifications and fancy job titles

Yes, professional skills can be helpful, but more importantly, we need people who believe that quality education is the key to a brighter future.

People who aren't afraid to ask hard questions and have courageous conversations.

And people who genuinely have our students' best interests at heart.

Even if you don't think you fit the traditional mould of a school governor, you could be exactly what our schools need.



Helpful governor superpowers include:

- listening without bias or judgement,
- the ability to quickly build rapport with parents, staff and children,
- finding solutions to challenging situations,
- having roughly 12 to 15 hours of time per half term to don your governor cape (don't worry we won't actually make you wear a cape, unless you really want to).

You don't have to be a parent or already involved with one of our schools, to be a certain age, have friends in high places, or even have all the superpowers straight away - your character and an eagerness to learn are far more important.

Together we're stronger

As a multi-academy trust, we know the power of working in collaboration. And that strength and creativity come from close ties, sharing knowledge and supporting each other.

So although becoming a governor is a steep learning curve, you'll have a whole team of people supporting you through each step.

You'll get proper training and support - including school visits, meeting staff and students, online and local training sessions, and an experienced mentor - so you can hit the ground running, and continue to learn and grow over the years.



"It does take some time to learn about each school and the procedures. But we're all continuing to learn and you don't need to know everything at once. Plus there's always someone to ask."

Lisa Michell, governor/trustee (2 years).

What do governors actually do?

It will depend on your skills and what you're interested in, but the things you'll typically get involved with include:

- half-termly meetings (usually in the evenings),
- visits to talk to the students and staff and monitor the schools' progress
- supporting our senior leaders with things like complaints, safeguarding, permanent exclusions and interviews,
- attending conferences and training events.

Plus you'll be invited to join us at events and celebrations like open days, concerts and presentations.



"One of my proudest moments in my 8 years of being a governor was being asked to present the certificates at the GCSE awards evening."

Nigel Hyde, Governor and chair of the Trust Board.



We need you.

We need people to help us navigate the challenges and celebrate the wins. To help us make the hard decisions, and keep us accountable. To help us dream big, and then make it happen.

If you're up for the challenge, we'd love to talk to you.

For an application form, or to have a chat about whether the role is right for you, please email Camilla Fox, our Governance Professional, at info@theroselandmat.co.uk

