

## Commitment of a Local Governing Body

The Local Governing Body meet six times a year – they are generally bi-monthly. The meetings last 2 hours each.

All governing bodies within the trust have access to the governor portal and papers are uploaded to this a week in advance of the meeting. It is an expectation that all governors will read the papers prior to the meetings to allow discussion and scrutiny to take place within the meeting itself. There will also be an annual election process to nominate lead governors for key areas within each academy, for example Safeguarding and Pupil Premium. These lead governors will be asked to complete a visit every year on their lead area, but this is not expected to take more than half a day per visit.

The Code of Conduct is available to download to give you an insight into the commitment and expectations of the governing body. It is important for individuals to have an understanding of the role and how they work with the school to ensure that the students are receiving the best education possible.



## Training and Development

All Governors are welcomed to the Governing Body via an induction meeting with the Principal of the relevant school and the Chair of their LGB. These meetings give Governors a real insight into the current position of the school, its strategic direction and will be followed by a tour of the school to get a feel of it whilst the students are in lessons.

Following that induction meeting in school, Governors will receive notification of training opportunities from the Clerk for your LGB. For example, Trinity Academy Halifax buy into Calderdale Local Authority's Shared Service and can therefore attend Governor training sessions as appropriate.

An annual skills audit will be completed for all LGBs and this will then inform what training and development needs to be arranged. There may be occasions where this is in-house as well as attending external courses.

All Governors will also be asked to complete Child Protection training which includes Prevent training, Data Protection/GDPR training, and Chairs/Vice Chairs will also complete Safer Recruitment training.



## Scheme of Delegation

The trust operates with a governance Scheme of Delegation (SoDA) so that it is clear whose responsibility certain decisions are. This covers everything from the appointment of governors to financial decisions to strategic decisions. As a governor you will be able to review this document, alongside the papers and agenda items that come to meetings, to make decisions appropriate to your responsibility.

"I find overseeing and being part of an organisation that is positively changing the lives of young people exceptionally rewarding."

