

PARENT GOVERNOR INFORMATION SHEET – May 2018

BACKGROUND

As part of the SGS Multi-Academy Trust, the Berkeley Green UTC Local Governing Body is a Committee of the SGSAT Board of Trustees. The Local Governing Body acts within a Scheme of Delegated Authority and Terms of Reference.

As a Parent Governor you will be expected to undertake a full range of Governor duties. The Governor Role Description and Person Specification as well as other Governance documents you may wish to review can be found on the UTC website Governance page.

GOVERNOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities of the role of a Governor are to contribute to the work of the Local Governing Body in raising the standards of achievement for all pupils. This involves providing a strategic view for the school, acting as a critical friend and ensuring accountability.

All Parent Governors are required to sign a Declaration of Eligibility, which includes an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS).

TIME COMMITMENT

Governors are expected to attend all meetings of the Local Governing Body (at least one meeting per term). These meetings are normally held in the evening starting at 6pm.

There will be a requirement to attend induction and training and development events to help improve knowledge and skills. Parent Governors are strongly encouraged to visit the UTC and undertake Link Governor roles to help them get to know and understand how the UTC works and to monitor UTC improvement.

Governors may be invited to special occasions, such as assemblies, sports days and presentations.

A Governors' term of office is normally four years. However, in the first instance, whilst the student body is growing, the term of office is 2 years.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

The local Governing Body encourages applications for the role of parent governor from all parents and recognises the broad ranging contribution of skills and experiences that parents can contribute. The Governing Body reviews its skills on a regular basis and prospective parent governors should include on their nomination form how they think their skills and experience may assist the work of the Governing Body. More information can be found on Governors skills and competencies at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/competency-framework-for-governance>

For further information about becoming a Parent Governor at the UTC, please contact Paul Ramage, Principal or Lisa Day, Clerk to the Governors – lisa.day@sgscol.ac.uk.