



Invitation to Prospective Board Members

Cheshire Academies Trust (CAT) comprises three primary schools and a teaching school alliance (CLTA) that chose to form a multi academy trust to further improve standards through formalised partnership. The core purpose of CAT is to achieve continued and consistently high outcomes for children. CAT's embedded culture is to support our academies to thrive by developing and sharing best practices/systems across our academies, through rigorous internal challenge and decisive early intervention, to secure improvement where needed.

We have created a Trust in which schools support each other and children and staff thrive through a creative approach to collaboration. There is therefore a strong sense of ownership and belonging in CAT; this ensures schools will continue to benefit from opportunities to collaborate and work together. CAT was created a strong sense of moral purpose to provide the best education and opportunities for children at its heart with an aspiration to improve the quality of teaching and learning in all CAT academies and for children in our wider community through the work of our teaching school CLTA.

CAT has a Board of Trustees whose combined skills offer a wealth of experience to support the Trust and our academies in their activities. We are seeking to appoint new members to ensure we have the capacity and skills to oversee the next phase of our development.

We are looking for exceptional people to join our high performing Board to lead the strategic direction of the Trust and are inviting applications from enthusiastic individuals who have skills and experience in one or more of the following areas: Education; Governance; Finance; HR.

We welcome applications from candidates with a broad range of backgrounds, in particular individuals with connections to the Chester community. We are looking for a candidate with significant experience in a senior strategic thinking role with strong intellectual and analytical capabilities and ideally experience at Board level, although this is not essential.

The estimated time commitment is up to ten meetings per year. This is in addition to occasional academy visits and frequent email communication with Board and Senior Leadership Team colleagues. The Board is required to follow the principles of public conduct set out by the Nolan Committee, including the declaration of individual Trustees' interests. This is a voluntary role and as such it is not paid. However the Trust will reimburse reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out Trust duties.

Please refer to our Board Member Job Description on our website for more details. If you are interested in applying for one of the roles available we will make arrangements for you to have an initial conversation with the Chair or Vice Chair of our Trust. Please email juliegriffiths@cheshireacademiestrust.co.uk outlining your contact details and what time of day is best to contact you. The deadline for expressions of interest is Monday 30 April 2018.

You can find out more about Cheshire Academies Trust, our academies and Cheshire Leadership and Teaching Alliance via our websites:

www.cheshireacademiestrust.co.uk

www.cheshirelta.co.uk

www.boughtonheath.cheshire.sch.uk

www.kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk

www.millviewschool.co.uk