

*“Our vision is to create a family of outstanding schools with strong purpose and direction.”*

### **What is an Academy Standards Committee of Waterton Academy Trust?**

Each school within Waterton Academy Trust has an Academy Standards Committee (ASC), which is made up of Governors, who review, monitor and evaluate educational provision to foster an environment where all children reach their full potential.

Governors provide support and challenge to hold the Headteacher to account for the performance of the school. The ASC works together to ensure clarity of vision, values, ethos and strategic direction of the school.



### **Why volunteer as a Governor?**

School governors make a valuable contribution to children’s education, opportunities and futures. Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. You will also be joining the largest volunteer force in the country: there are over a quarter of a million volunteers governing state funded schools in England.

Schools need governing boards that have a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience to enable it to be effective.

### **What training is available to support me in my role as Governor?**

Governance across Waterton Academy Trust is built upon those making the decisions to have the appropriate knowledge. As a Trust we work in partnership with system leaders and the Local Authority to ensure our training package for governors is the best it can be. Our Trust School Improvement Team and Governance Team also deliver Waterton bespoke sessions to ensure you have the information and tools you need to carry out your role effectively. We provide a Waterton

Governor Induction, and have a team of staff who are available to support you and answer any queries you may have. We also offer IT training to support you in your role.

### ***Who can be a Governor?***

Anyone aged 18 or over can be a governor (but there are some exceptions) and you do not need to be a parent. There is no requirement for you to have an understanding of the education system, just the necessary skills, character and time to contribute. Governors must adhere to the Governance Code of Conduct.

### ***How do I find out more?***

To find out more information and how to apply, please contact the Governance Team on 01924 240767 [governance@watertonacademytrust.org](mailto:governance@watertonacademytrust.org)