



ROLE DESCRIPTION FOR MEMBERS

Thank you for your interest in the role of Member at Greensand Multi Academy Trust.

Members within the academy trust framework are volunteers, and are akin to shareholders of a company; they are the Trust's guardians, and hold Trustees to account, assuring themselves that Trustees are acting in accordance with the Trust's charitable objective "to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom".

What skills does a Member need?

Anyone considering the role of a Member should have excellent communication and team-work skills, be confident in asking effective and challenging questions of Trust leaders, and have great problem solving and analytical skills. Previous involvement in education is not essential or even necessary; experience in any field in which these skills have been cultivated is welcome, including people with backgrounds in data and risk management, auditing, finance, marketing, law, leadership, HR, IT and business. Previous experience in running and/or chairing meetings would also be beneficial.

What is the time commitment?

The role of Members is one of oversight; the phrase "eyes on, hands off" is often used to show this. As a result, the time commitment required of a Member is much less than that of a Governor or Trustee, for example, although a Member's role is no less important. Members are currently asked to attend three meetings per year (roughly 2 hours each) which usually take place at Reigate School; meetings require some preparation in advance, primarily reading papers (which are provided) and considering questions to be asked of the CEO, Chair of Trustees and other Trustees. There is also an AGM and two trust-wide training events per year.



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What else should I know?

Successful applicants would be required to have an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check, and a check under section 128 of the Education & Skills Act 2008 (which covers people who are barred from being involved in the management of schools). Applicants do not need to be parents or guardians within the Trust.

The Members' role is both rewarding for individuals and extremely valuable to the local community. If you would like to know more about becoming a Member for Greensand, or any other volunteering opportunities within the Greensand Governance Community, please do not hesitate to contact Greensand's Lead Governance Professional, Maria Gorham.

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