## Could you be our next Parent Governor?

*Help our children and school community flourish*

Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust
'Beyond expectations for all of God's children'

**Help shape the future of our school**

We are looking for a parent or carer to join our Academy Standards and Ethos Committee (ASEC) as a Parent Governor.

This is a rewarding opportunity to make a positive contribution to your school community, bring a parent's perspective to key discussions and help us ensure that all our children have the opportunity to flourish.

Our Christian vision and values are at the heart of our schools, and governors play an important role in supporting their Christian character and the spiritual flourishing of every child and adult.

**You do not need experience in education or governance.** What matters is that you are interested in the school, willing to learn and ask constructive questions, and able to commit the time needed to participate actively in the role. Training, guidance and support will be provided.

**What does a Parent Governor do?**

Our ASEC is the school's local governance committee. Members work together to provide support and constructive challenge to school leaders and to monitor areas including educational performance, safeguarding, SEND and inclusion, attendance and behaviour, and the school's Christian vision and ethos.

The ASEC meets **six times during the school year**, and governors are expected to attend regularly and take an active part in the work of the committee.

The role also involves spending some time in school to undertake visits, usually meeting with relevant members of staff to develop their understanding of an aspect of the school's work and provide assurance to the ASEC.

Governors are also encouraged to engage with **Academy Improvement Monitoring (AIM) visits**, led by DSAT's Regional Directors of Education and usually held termly.

These opportunities help governors gain first-hand understanding of the school's progress and priorities and enable them to ask informed questions and provide effective support and challenge.

**What is different about being a Parent Governor?**

Parent Governors bring a valuable perspective because of their experience of the school as a parent. They help governors consider how decisions, policies and school life may be experienced by children and families.

A Parent Governor does not represent individual parents or deal with concerns about individual children. Like every governor, they work as part of the ASEC and consider what is in the best interests of all pupils.

**Why become a Parent Governor?**

Being an ASEC member gives you the opportunity to make a difference to your school and its children while developing your own knowledge and skills in areas such as strategic thinking, decision-making, questioning, teamwork and leadership. We are interested in the perspective and experience you can bring.

You will be joining a supportive governance community across our Trust.

**Interested?**

If you would like to find out more, we would be very happy to arrange an informal conversation about the role and the commitment involved with the ASEC Chair or your local governance professional.

We are also very happy to support applications from parents who may be interested in trying the role for a year initially and then reviewing how they feel. This can be a good way to get involved, find out more about the role and see whether it is right for you.

Please contact Sally Longman at slongman@dsat.org.uk if you would like to have an informal chat or ask any questions.

To put yourself forward, please complete the attached application form and return it to slongman@dsat.org.uk by Sunday 29 November 2026.

If more parents put themselves forward than there are vacancies, an election will be held and parents and carers will be invited to vote.