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## Could you be our parent governor?

### About CORE Education Trust:

CORE Education Trust is a multi-academy trust (MAT) which runs four schools in Birmingham. Our mission is to provide children with a high-quality educational experience realised through a collective commitment to four CORE Values:

- **Collaboration** - We will promote, facilitate, and support an outward facing culture in all our schools.
- **Opportunity** - We will run our schools efficiently and effectively to develop capacity, ensure transparent governance and improve performance.
- **Respect** - We will commit to beyond statutory safeguarding standards in our schools and additionally ensure all our children have access to a wide range of cultural experiences.
- **Excellence** - We will be uncompromising in our aspiration to achieve the highest standards in all our endeavours and be committed to investing in programmes of excellence for all our staff to achieve this.

### The role of the Local Governing Body (LGB):

Each CORE school has a local governing body (LGB) which consists of trust appointed governors, parent governors and staff governors. All governors are volunteers and governors work collectively to support the school to ensure that the children and young people are able to achieve to the best of their ability. The LGB does not get involved in the day-to-day operation of the school.

### The role of a parent governor:

As a parent governor you will be expected to attend all LGB meetings. Meetings are currently held once every term ( 3 times a year), and take place at school usually between 6 and 8pm. Meetings will not last more than 2 hours. In addition, there will be opportunities for you to undertake governor training, and there is an expectation that you will be able to support the school through focused governor visits to the school approximately 2-3 times a year. As a parent governor, you are not representing individual parents or their concerns; you are helping to ensure that the school meets the needs of **all** its pupils and enables **all** of its pupils to achieve to the best of their ability.

### What skills do I need?

You do not need any specific skills or experience to be a parent governor, but you must have a child attending the school, and be confident in reading the documents that will be sent to you before each meeting. We are particularly keen to hear from parents who have skills, knowledge or expertise in the following areas: finance, SEND, education knowledge, local community links, Performance and Standards, however, this is not an exhaustive list and if you have other skills that you think would be valuable to our LGB please do apply. All governors must complete an enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check before being appointed.

### The benefits of being a parent governor:

By volunteering your time, you are making a positive contribution to our school's success and having an impact on the lives of our pupils, teachers and the local community. Your role as a parent governor can help you to develop transferable skills that are useful in your working life. Through being a governor, you will also have opportunities to raise the school's profile and celebrate its successes within the local community.

### How do I apply?

Please complete all sections of the application form and return it either via email to [enquiry@corearena.academy](mailto:enquiry@corearena.academy) or hand in a paper copy to the school reception in a sealed envelope, clearly marked as 'Parent Governor Application' **All applications must be received by 12pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**