



Birches First School

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17th October 2024

Governor Vacancies/Chair of Local Academy Board (LAB)

Dear Birches Family and Friends

The Local Academy Board met last week for our first meeting of 2024/2025, during this meeting it was noted that Mrs Lawley's (LAB Leader) term of office has ended. Mrs Lawley has now stepped down from the role of LAB Leader but will remain on the Board until another Governor is elected and in post. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Lawley for her dedication and significant contribution to our school during her term of office, assisting and supporting to improve the education and life chances of children at Birches First School.

During our meeting Mr Duffy was elected and appointed as our LAB Leader. I am looking forward to working with Mr. Duffy over the forthcoming months to develop a supporting, monitoring and evaluating working relationship overseeing the effectiveness of the school and ensuring accountability for the standards achieved and the quality of education for our children. We are delighted to have you as our new LAB Leader!

Therefore, we currently have vacancies for Local Academy Governors at Birches First School. As Birches First School is part of Codsall Multi-Academy with Codsall Middle and St Nicholas First School our Governance is assembled by a committee which feed to the Multi Academy Board of Directors and Governors.

The Local Academy Board committee which runs at all three schools lead on the following areas; SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), Safeguarding, Wellbeing and Teaching and Learning. The LAB members meet once a term (three times a year) with a set agenda. The minutes and actions from these meetings are then presented at Board level.

The Local Academy Board has a vital role to play in making sure every child receives the best possible education. Governors serve for a term of four years, though this term can be renewed at the end of the four-year period. As a Governor, you would be expected to take an active role in the further development of the school, to work in a supportive but challenging way with the Senior Leadership of the school and to ensure the continued delivery of high-quality education for children of families in our local community.

There are no specific skills or experience required, just enthusiasm and a desire to make a difference with a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. Skills that you may take for granted in your life at home or work can be immensely valuable to us. The amount of effort and commitment required is down to you and how much time beyond the meetings you are willing to give to school.

If you are interested in joining the Local Academy Board at Birches or know of a family member/friend that may be interested please email the school office:-
office@birches.staffs.sch.uk by **Monday 4th November** and I will arrange a meeting with you to discuss the role and in more detail and you can make an informed decision.

Thank you.

Best wishes

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Headteacher