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We would like to encourage you to consider the possibility of serving your local community and helping to improve the educational outcomes of local children by becoming a member of our Local Governing Body.

School Context

We are a welcoming, exciting and nurturing 2-form entry Church of England Primary school located in the heart of Tonbridge, Kent. We were established in 2017. We benefit from a new purpose-built school building with 3 playgrounds, a developing Forest School and have links with 2 local churches.

Bishop Chavasse School knows every child is wonderfully and uniquely created, and as Jesus teaches through the parable of the house on the rock: supported by faith, we establish firm foundations, on which to build and support the development of the whole person in a safe, happy Christian environment.

At Bishop Chavasse, we are dedicated to ensuring every child's potential is realised, our values of *Compassion, Honesty* and *Wisdom*, underpin our carefully designed inspirational curriculum and are threaded through all of our teaching and learning, to allow all our pupils to be enthused and challenged, have fun, partake in adventures and make everlasting friendships and exciting long-lasting memories

We are committed to nurturing our pupils and ensuring they become curious and courageous members of the community. We have high academic expectations of all the children at our school, encouraged and taught by a team of dedicated, passionate staff, supported by parents, governors and the Tenax Schools Trust.

In addition to our carefully structured curriculum, we offer a wealth of enrichment opportunities for the pupils at our school: from trips, music recitals, workshops and residential to breakfast and after school clubs.

Role of Governor

Bishop Chavasse CEP is in the Tenax Schools Trust and has a Local Governing Body (LGB), accountable to the Board of Trustees. The LGB comprises:

- The Headteacher (ex officio)
- One further elected staff local governor
- Two elected parent governors
- Five or more governors appointed by the Trust Board (who may include trustees or employees from other schools in the Trust selected on the basis of their skills or professional experience), each for a term of 3 years



Bishop Chavasse Primary School is part of the Tenax Schools Trust which is an exempt charity and a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales with company number 07542155. The registered office is at Culverden Down, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 9SH

Becoming a school governor at Bishop Chavasse CEP presents an opportunity to offer voluntary service in the context of a well-regarded and nationally known Church of England charitable Trust.

Areas of responsibility

Our Governors have a critical role to play in supporting the work of our School and the Trust. Their role falls into three main areas:

- a. Monitoring Standards - making sure that our school's performance is evaluated and continuously improves
- b. Maintaining distinctive ethos, character and local traditions
- c. Ensuring good communication and engagement with parents and the wider local community

Anticipated time commitments

Governors will be expected to attend all LGB meetings. These take place 3 times a year at the school, 6pm – 8pm. There are no committees of LGBs.

The Trust is committed to offering governors training and development to enable them to undertake their role well. During the year there are also typically two to three seminars run by the Trust virtually, which run from 6.00pm-7.00pm. It is beneficial for all governors to attend these. Additional training may also be scheduled by Tenax Schools Trust or the school, throughout the year, in order to support governors in the effective discharge of their duties.

You would also be expected to participate in the governors' programme of formal visits to the school to look at certain aspects of its work. Each governor is expected to carry out one or two visits per academic year, initially accompanied by an experienced governor.

The term of office for our governors is three years, although as the position is voluntary, you may resign at any time.

Skills and experience

The following questions may help you to consider if this role is of interest to you:

- Are you able to commit the time to fulfil the role of a Governor at Bishop Chavasse CEP?
- Are you in sympathy with the distinctive ethos and character of this Church of England primary school?
- Will you be prepared to show commitment to our school?
- Do you have good communication skills; are you professional and diplomatic?
- Do you have a real passion for, and interest in, good education?

We hope that you feel this is exactly the opportunity that you have been looking for to contribute to the development of our school. Governors are uniquely placed to support the development of the school, by sharing experience and expertise. They see the work of the school from a different perspective, with existing and previous governors often commenting that they gain a new understanding of the challenges schools face and the processes and systems we employ to achieve our aims and goals.

For more information or an informal exploratory conversation, please contact the Chair of the LGB, Mr Chris Hammond via the clerk, Ms Laura Ives, at clerk@bishopchavasseshool.org.uk

The Tenax Schools Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and all appointments are subject to relevant vetting checks.

