



## ***Could you make a positive contribution to a local school?***



Hartford Infant and Preschool and Hartford Junior School are highly successful, community mixed schools based in Huntingdon. Our pupils are well motivated and staff morale is excellent.

The Governing Body of both schools have recently merged to form Hartford Schools Partnership.

We are seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our effective cohesive team of people. As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of our school. Both schools are part of The Cam Academy Trust and our Local Governing Body sits as part of the Trust's over-arching governance.

Governors have **three main roles**:

1. **To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.**  
The governing body helps to set long-term plans for the schools, decide where improvements need to be made and how to make them.
2. **To hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the schools and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.**  
The governing body looks at the quality of education being offered and ensures the Headteacher is doing everything possible to improve results.
3. **To oversee the financial performance of the schools and make sure its money is well spent.**  
Governors examine budgets and spending proposals to monitor whether our school is getting best value for money and ensure the money is spent in the right areas.

This role may be particularly of interest if you have skills in education, data, finance/accounting or human resources but we invite applications from anyone who may be interested in helping our school achieve its best. The role is not that of Parent Governor (as these posts are already filled) and applications are similarly welcome both from those who may have a link to the school and those who do not.

We are looking for someone who can attend approximately six local governing body meetings per year. Meetings are held in school (or online), usually on a Tuesday or Thursday evening from around 6pm to 8pm. Governors also spend time in school during the day (around two visits per term). Full training is available (and may be completed online).

Informal meetings will be held with suitable candidates to discuss the role further and to answer any questions before meeting the local Governing Body. The Trust Board appoints Local Governors, usually on the recommendation of our Local Governing Body.

Our schools are dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in our care, and you will be expected to share this commitment. All Governors will be subject to an enhanced DBS check prior to appointment. For an application form or for more information, please email our clerk to governors **Mrs Louise Todd** by email [LTodd@hartfordjuniorschool.org](mailto:LTodd@hartfordjuniorschool.org)

Closing date for expressions of interest **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

To be eligible for this role you must be over 18 years.

## **Thank you**