

## THE DUNSTAN CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Please consider using your skills and expertise to give back to pupils in your local school and community by becoming one of our school governors.

The Dunstan Catholic Educational Trust is a charitable company and family of Catholic schools which opened on 1 March 2022. You do not have to be a Catholic to apply but as a Catholic Trust it is imperative that every school governor is committed to upholding the Catholic ethos. More details about the Trust, its schools and governance arrangements can be found via: [The Dunstan Catholic Educational Trust \(thedcet.com\)](http://TheDunstanCatholicEducationalTrust(thedcet.com))

To ensure the Trust Board maintains effective oversight of educational performance overall, it has delegated responsibility to Local Governing Committees (LGCs) for driving educational improvement in a designated school(s). This is done via the monitoring and evaluation of educational performance against the School Improvement Plan (SIP), scrutiny of data, provision of challenge as well as support to hold school leaders to account for the quality of education and Catholic life; pupil outcomes and spiritual wellbeing; stakeholder engagement and regulatory compliance i.e. safeguarding, H&S, SEND.

The Trust is looking to recruit more governors who offer a mix different skills, experience, and local knowledge to work strategically and ensure the responsibility delegated to each LGC is delivered effectively for the benefit of local children. You do NOT need to have previous governor experience, induction and ongoing training will be provided. The time commitment, on average, equates to 1-2 days per month to include formal meeting preparation and attendance, ongoing professional development, staff recruitment, engagement with stakeholders including accompanied visits to get to know the school, its staff and pupils.

If you'd like to find out more before applying, please contact either the Trust's Interim Trust Governance Lead: [CEmergency@theDCET.com](mailto:CEmergency@theDCET.com) and/or the Diocesan Governance Officer: [Bill.McEntee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Bill.McEntee@cliftondiocese.com) or 0117 902 5599. To apply, please visit [Vacancies | Dunstan Catholic Educational Trust \(thedcet.com\)](http://Vacancies|DunstanCatholicEducationalTrust(thedcet.com)) This is a hugely valued and rewarding role but done on an unpaid volunteer basis, although out-of-pocket expenses can be reimbursed. **N.B.** All appointments are subject to enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate and Section 128 clearance.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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Trust Board Chair