

Vacancy for a Co-opted Governor

At John Taylor Free School, under a new Headteacher, and following a super set of exam results we are building on the foundations for creating a wonderful learning environment for our students. In order to support the school, we currently have fresh vacancies for Co-opted Governors to join the school Local Governing Body.

The primary responsibility of the Local Governing Body is to provide strategic leadership and accountability in the school and it has three key functions:

- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its students
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

The successful candidate will hold office for one year initially. At that point, they may express their interest to continue to serve for a further three years. Due to the constitution of the Local Governing Body, we are unable to invite parents to apply for this position at this time. A background in business, HR or education would be advantageous but is not essential. John Taylor Free School is a partner school within the John Taylor Multi Academy Trust and opened in 2018. It is a fully comprehensive secondary school near Burton on Trent, Staffordshire.

The Local Governing Body currently meets on two evenings each term from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and meetings are held in person, at the school. The first meeting the newly appointed governor will be expected to attend will be held on Wednesday 11th March.

We will provide full support in integrating new governors with a comprehensive induction package and access to the National Governance Association website to support their learning and development.

If you would like to apply for this position, please send your completed application form to Mrs S Byrne, Clerk to Governors by email at jtfs-clerk@lgb.jtmat.co.uk by Friday 30th January 2026.

The planned schedule is as follows:

Friday 30 th January	Application Form to be returned to the Clerk to Governors by 12:00.
Week commencing 2 nd February	Selection Process to take place
Monday 9 th February	The successful candidates will be informed

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs S Byrne, Clerk to Governors by email at jtfs-clerk@lgb.jtmat.co.uk or by telephone (01283 247823). Both the Headteacher and Chair of Governors are happy to discuss the school and the role of governor with you if you are interested.

Please note that we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect our staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This position is subject to an Enhanced DBS Check and the successful candidate will be expected to carry out Level 1 Safeguarding Training.

We encourage applications from all members of society, regardless of background, gender, ethnicity, disability or age (as long as you're over 18) as we always aspire that our LGB is representative of the diversity of our school community.