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Dear Parents/Carers

### Governance opportunities within the trust

#### **Do you want to make a significant difference to the lives of young people in our Trust and you child's school?**

We have various governance opportunities available within Discovery MAT and are looking for people to work with us who share our trust's commitment to improving outcomes and in securing high-quality education for all of Discovery's children, either working with the schools and school leaders as part of the Local Advisory Board (LAB) or as part of our Board of Trustees and Members who have an active role in monitoring and determining strategy for all aspects of the MAT's performance.

LAB members will be able to attend 3 x meetings and 3 x informal meetings per academic year plus some time in school for monitoring and Trustees will be able to attend 3 x full Trustee meetings and 3 x committee meetings per academic year (evening meetings) with Members required to attend one annual meeting. These meetings can either be in person or held virtually.

#### **WHAT WILL WE OFFER YOU?**

- ✓ Induction training
- ✓ Regular training opportunities, including Ofsted, HR matters and Safeguarding
- ✓ Benefits from a full professional clerking service, to facilitate good governance
- ✓ The opportunity to make a difference to the children in our care, now and in the future
- ✓ The opportunity to make a difference to what happens in our schools which is recognised by potential and current employers

The governance team is invaluable for developing our academy trust, and involves giving something back to the community. Our governance team develop a range of both new and existing skills, receiving regular free training and opportunities for professional development.

You would not be expected to have a working knowledge of the education sector. What is more important to the team is your passion for education, and what your unique experience could bring to our governance team.

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For more information about any of the roles, please contact the Governance Professional, Helen Hawkes, in the first instance: [clerktotrustees@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:clerktotrustees@discoverymat.co.uk) or on 01752 706361.

For further information about our Trust, please visit [www.discoverymat.co.uk](http://www.discoverymat.co.uk)

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison", written in a cursive style.

Alison Nettleship  
Chief Executive Officer  
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