



St. Katherine's School



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INTERESTED IN BEING A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

Have you ever thought about being a School Governor?

St Katherine's School is expanding its Governing Body and we'd be interested to hear from parents and carers as well as anyone from the area and business community.

This is an exciting time to join us. St Katherine's recently joined the Bristol-based [Cathedral School Trust](#), our pupil numbers are growing and student outcomes are improving. We are now using this positive platform to set our strategic direction strategy for the next few years.

Governors are an integral part of school leadership, setting the strategic direction, culture, vision and ethos of the school as well as overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent. They are the school's 'critical friend' - driving continuous improvement by supporting, challenging and holding the Head teacher and school leadership team to account against agreed-targets to improve standards.

We value the contribution of St Katherine's Governors hugely. Their input, skills and knowledge are crucial in making St Katherine's the school it is.

We recently carried out a Governing Body skills audit and are now looking to enhance the team further. As well as having a general interest in education and commitment to young people, we'd be particularly interested in hearing from anyone with experience including but not limited to:

- raising standards through assessment performance evaluation and improvement
- finance and/or business and/or
- preparing children & young people to live healthy lives in society as active and informed citizens

Having governors who bring different perspectives and knowledge to the Governing Body can only strengthen it. It is crucial Governors are committed, willing to ask challenging questions and confident to have the frank conversations essential for good governance so St Katherine's stays on its path of improvement.

Being a Governor is a serious commitment. We meet one evening every term and make regular planned visits during the school day as well as ad hoc task group activity from time to time. A governor's term of office is four years.

This is a real opportunity to make a difference to young people's lives. In return, you'll get any training you need, a chance to network with a variety of people as well as further developing professional and personal skills. Above all, we guarantee you'll have a great time and learn a lot too along the way.

A 'tall order'? Maybe, but we think our students deserve the very best.

What next?

If you would like to find out more about being a St Katherine's School governor please email the Clerk to the Governors, Julie Moller at mollerj@skdrive.org with your full name, address and an evening contact number.

The closing date for expressions of interest is 3:00pm on **30 April 2019**. The Chair of governors will contact all those expressing interest.

If you then decide to formally apply you will be asked to prepare a short statement to support your application (up to a maximum of 250 words)

Mr W Harding
Chair of St Katherine's School Governors