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## ***OPENING FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNOR***

There are currently vacancies for **foundation governors** on the Local Governing Body at our school

### **Why should I become a governor?**

Becoming a governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of our school.

Our school is part of the Our Lady of the Magnificat Multi-Academy, and each school within the multi-academy has its own local governing body (LGB). In a multi-academy, the legal accountability for the school lies with the Board of Directors for the multi-academy and the LGB has a critical role to play in being the 'eyes and ears' of the Board of Directors at individual school level. The LGB provides challenge and support to the school to ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils and to ensure the distinct Catholic mission and ethos of the school is upheld. The LGB does not get involved in the day-to-day operation or management of the school.

Being a governor can be extremely rewarding and will provide you with the opportunity to meet new people and gain new skills.

### **The role of foundation governors**

Foundation governors are formally appointed by the Diocese, and you must be a practising Catholic to be a foundation governor. You do not need to have a child attending the school to be a foundation governor.

### **What skills or experience do I need to become a governor?**

Don't worry if you have no experience in education or governance as there is plenty of training and support available.

We are particularly keen to increase the diversity on our LGBs, and welcome applications from people from all backgrounds. All governors must complete an enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check before being appointed.

### **What is the time commitment of being a governor?**

As a governor you are expected to attend all LGB meetings. Meetings are held once every half term (i.e., 6 times a year), and take place at school usually in the evening. Meetings last approximately 2 hours. In addition, there will be opportunities for you to undertake governor training, and there is an expectation that you will be able to support the school through focused governor visits to the



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school approximately 2-3 times a year. Governors are also welcome, and encouraged, to attend school events such as special assemblies and performances, to support the school and increase governor visibility to the whole school community.

### How do I apply to become a governor?

If you would like to find out more about being a foundation governor then please contact us via email on [governor@magnificat.org.uk](mailto:governor@magnificat.org.uk) and we will be happy to answer any questions that you may have. Foundation governors are required to complete an application form which is available online [here](#) or by visiting [www.bdes.org.uk/v3--new-academies.html](http://www.bdes.org.uk/v3--new-academies.html) and choosing 'Foundation governor application form' tab.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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