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Dear Prospective Governor

It's a great pleasure to write to you in my role as Chair of the Sentamu Academy Learning Trust Board. Our Trust comprises five academies: Archbishop Sentamu Academy, Aspire Academy, Newland St John's CE Academy, St James' CE Academy and The Compass Academy. I am writing on behalf of the Trust to ask if you would consider undertaking the role of Governor at one of our academies. We are looking for Governors with the following skills: educational knowledge, legal expertise and compassion for the local community; we would welcome applications from the BAME community but would welcome applications from people of all walks of life.

In line with the Trust's vision, all our academies have a particular focus on serving those pupils who are most at risk of long-term social exclusion. The Local Governing Committees are responsible both for the conduct of each academy and for promoting high standards of learning and achievement. Governors carry out their role by building a thorough knowledge of the academy and its community, supporting and constructively challenging the academy and ensuring accountability and compliance. Each Local Governing Committee is made up of Parents, Staff, Co-opted, Trust and Foundation Governors; further details regarding the role of a Governor can be found at the following: <https://sentamuacademylearningtrust.org.uk/trust-vacancies/>

Now is a good time to consider becoming a Governor because all work/meetings are currently being conducted online. Governors are expected to attend meetings (on five occasions throughout the year), as well as ad hoc training; additional time will be needed to read and prepare for meetings. Governors are also encouraged to take a wider interest in the life of the academy through attendance at events such as exhibitions, shows and achievement celebrations. Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed for attendance at meetings.

The Trust has a strong Christian ethos, with three of its academies being designated Church of England academies. Our five core values are listed here: <https://sentamuacademylearningtrust.org.uk/vision-values-and-ethos/> and we are particularly looking for Governors who can support this. Becoming a Governor is a highly rewarding voluntary role in which you will be making a significant contribution to young people's futures. Individuals are appointed to the Local Governing Committee on the basis of their experience, skills and suitability for the role. The Trust is committed to equality of opportunity within the Trust and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

I very much hope that you will feel able to join us in our work to further improve the opportunities for the young people we serve and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Peter D Duffield
Chair of Trustees