

The Heath Family Multi Academy Trust

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TRUSTEE VACANCY



The Heath Family Multi Academy Trust is currently seeking to appoint a Trustee with a strong accountancy or financial background. The ideal candidate will bring significant experience in financial management, audit, or senior-level corporate finance.

About The Heath Family

The Heath Family became a Multi Academy Trust in 2013 and since then has grown to operate eight schools; 3 secondary schools and 5 primary schools. All eight schools are located in the North West of England; 4 in Halton, 2 in Knowsley and 2 in Sefton.

Our mission: to improve the life chances of every child in our community by empowering our children to overcome barriers, be able to compete with the best, and shape the future

Our values: **Kindness** (we look out for each other);
Integrity (we do the right thing), and with
Tenacity (we do what it takes).

Our principles: Clarity, Collaboration, Accountability
and Academic Rigour

About the Role

The Trust Board are currently in a position to look at developing and further strengthening its skills/experience base and would be particularly interested in hearing from high-level finance/accountancy professionals who will be able to provide effective oversight of budgeting, financial planning, and risk management, ensuring the Trust's resources are used efficiently and sustainably.

We are looking for individuals with strong analytical ability, sound judgement, and the capacity to interpret complex financial information, ideally with experience of governance or strategic leadership within the commercial, public, or charitable sectors. Although a background in Academy Trust finance would be particularly attractive, we would also welcome applications from high-level finance professionals from other sectors, as well as potential candidates with other skill sets.

Time Commitment

Trustees should be available to attend: 1 Board Strategy Development session (full day – in person) per year
4-5 Board meetings (2 hrs each – remote) per year
3-4 Committee meetings (1.5 hrs each - remote) per year

Currently we have two Committees (Business, Finance & Audit and Education & Standards) and for this role the successful candidate will be asked to join our Business, Finance and Audit committee.

Trustees are likely to need to devote around 3-4 hours per month (on average) for meetings which would include all preparation as well as occasional training. The Trust is looking to also schedule a number of 'open house sessions' at all of the schools, whereby Trustees will be able to visit the school and meet with the CEO onsite; Trustees will be notified of the open house dates and will be able to schedule visits (this is important to the Trustee role as it allows them to see how the Trust's policies impact pupils and staff directly).

To Apply

If you are interested in applying for this role please contact Trish Roberts, Trust Governance Manager. (E: troberts@theheathfamily.org.uk T: 01928 249284). Also, if you would like to arrange an informal conversation with the Chair of the Board/CEO prior to applying please contact Trish and she will arrange.

IMPORTANT NOTE: In the interests of safeguarding and in accordance with DfE requirements, all Trustee appointments will be subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service (DBS) check and other relevant safeguarding checks.