

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESE EDUCATION TRUST (PDET)

ABOUT THE TRUST

PDET is a Church of England Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). It was established in April 2013 by the Diocesan Board of Education, who made the decision to establish a MAT in order to be able to sponsor Church Schools in the Diocese that were required to become academies and to provide a “home” for Church Schools (and Community Schools) wishing to convert to Academy status within the Diocesan Trust.

Our key ambition is to deliver education of high quality, within a distinctively Christian ethos, leading to high achievement for all pupils with no significant gaps in achievement between different groups.

The Diocese encompasses the counties of Northamptonshire and Rutland and a proportion of the City of Peterborough.

TRUST ETHOS & VALUES

PDET has a strong Christian foundation. Its vision is to support academy schools in working together for each child to realise their God-given potential to flourish. Our strapline is “*Achieving More Together.*” Our schools seek to serve their local communities: they are inclusive welcoming children of the Christian Faith, of other faiths or of no faith, children from all backgrounds and of all abilities. We believe in the infinite worth of each person: children deserve the very best education and staff deserve support to deliver this.

WHAT WE NEED

The Trust has experienced rapid growth and currently has 25 schools (approximately 4200 children), with many more seeking to join over the next 12 months. To ensure that we maintain expertise and the right skills at Board level and that capacity within the organisation is sufficiently broad, balanced and robust to meet the needs of a wide range of primary schools, we need to recruit more Directors.

ROLE SPECIFICATION

A recent skills audit of the membership of the Board of Directors confirmed that there is a high level of expertise in school leadership and governance, teaching and learning and finance, but that the Board needs strengthening in the areas of; Business and Marketing, Human Resources, and Legal to add to the expertise of our Non-Executive Directors.

TIME COMMITMENT

Directors’ Board meetings are held bi-monthly and last for 2-3 hours. In addition, Board members are expected to serve on one of the Board’s committees and make visits to our schools.

The Committees currently are;

- Business and Finance
- Ethos, Standards and Effectiveness
- Pay and Personnel
- Audit
- Governance.

Total time commitment – 4 hours per month.

CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr John Herrick – Chair of Board – Experienced Senior Local Authority Officer and Residential Centres Manager, former Secondary Deputy Head

Duncan Mills – Chief Executive, experience of senior posts in another academy trust, local authority education and a former teacher.

Michael Cowland – Business Director – extensive experience in Academy Trusts

Helen Buckley – Legal Director – Solicitor, former City real estate lawyer, Chair of a Local Governing Board within PDET and National Leader of Governance

Margaret Holman – Headteacher, Bishop Stopford School, Kettering (Secondary, Outstanding)

Cathy Armstrong – Chair of a Local Governing Board within PDET – business experience

Greg Cracknell – Chair of a Local Governing Board within PDET – former senior teacher, education professional (University of Northampton)

Kevin Binley – Company Director for a fast growing UK technology business

Andrew Weatherill – Chartered Accountant and Consulting Forensic Accountant

APPLICATIONS

If you are interested in a role as a Director of PDET or in being co-opted to one of PDET's Committees, please send your CV and a short expression of interest to : PDET's Administration Officer, pdet.admin@peterborough-diocese.org.uk
For more information please call 01604 887056.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Please see attached structure chart

Peterborough Diocese Education Trust Current Governance Structure

