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To whom it may concern,

### **The John Port Spencer Academy Local Governing Board**

My name is Rob Tice and I have been the Chair of Governors at John Port Spencer Academy in Etwall, Derbyshire since May 2018. The academy is part of the highly regarded Spencer Academy Trust (SAT) and has recently been rated Good by Ofsted.

SAT is an educational charity, Multi-Academy Trust and Sponsor of Academies. SAT has approaching 18000 children and young people in our academies and employ more than 2500 teachers, leaders and educational support professionals across the East Midlands. SAT aspire to be a leading regional high performing Trust, with a national reputation for excellence. There are currently 16 primary academies, 8 secondary academies and one primary aged special school in the SAT family of schools.

John Port Spencer Academy currently has nearly 2000 students on roll. We are a large, vibrant and energetic community school demonstrating a common purpose and ambition - to ensure the very best learning experience for each and every one of our students. We recognise that every student has their own individual strengths, gifts and talents; our aim is to ensure that these are all nurtured and developed to their full potential.

Being a governor on a Local Governing Board is a challenging but highly rewarding voluntary role that allows you to contribute to the wider community. In addition, it gives you the opportunity to give something back to the community whilst using and developing your skills within a 'board-level' environment.

Schools like John Port Spencer Academy need governors that have a balance and diversity of knowledge, as well as skills and experience to enable the governing Board to be effective. **The academy currently has one governor vacancy and we are looking to recruit during the 2022/23 academic year.** This will be a skills-led appointment to compliment the strengths that we already have within the board, which have been identified by our annual skills audit.

We would particularly like to receive applications from those with a background in

- marketing/promotion
- further education
- business/industry
- and/or Health and Safety.

Anyone aged 18 or over can be a governor - there is no requirement to understand the education system as there is training and support available. All we ask is that you have the necessary skills, character and time to contribute. Applicants would be expected to share the Trust's high aspirations and expectations for students, volunteers and staff.

I feel extremely privileged to be part of the Local Governing Board at the academy and look forward to working with any new governors. Increasing the number of governors will enable the Local Governing Board to support the academy and provide robust challenge in line with our responsibilities. Further details about how governance works at the Spencer Academies Trust and John Port Spencer Academy is available on our website: <http://www.johnportspencer.com/local-governing-board/>



Our Local Governing Board (LGB) meets three times a year at 4pm for approximately two hours for the full LGB meetings. We also meet for Resources Committee meetings three times a year and Progress Committee meetings three times a year. Governors are expected to attend all three LGB meetings and either the Resources or the Progress Committee meetings.

We welcome applications from members of local businesses, the community and parents. You must be over 18 years old to apply.

To apply please complete the application form and return it to the Clerk to Governors (Mrs Tracey Bradbury) by post to the academy address, or by email at [clerktogovernors@johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:clerktogovernors@johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk). **The closing date for applications is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and we will interview suitable applicants during October 2022.**

Spencer Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our students and all roles are subject to enhanced DBS with children's barred list checks and completion of Level 2 safeguarding training.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about becoming a Governor at John Port Spencer Academy, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the Clerk to Governors (Mrs Tracey Bradbury) at [clerktogovernors@johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:clerktogovernors@johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

Rob Tice  
Chair of Governors