

## **Recruitment of Chair of Trustees – River Learning Trust**

River Learning Trust is one of the most successful and highly regarded Multi-Academy Trusts in Oxfordshire. Our schools provide excellent and improving education to 14,500 children across Oxfordshire and Swindon and we are also a school centred initial teacher training provider. We have rapidly and successfully grown from 6 to 29 schools since 2015 and we are looking for our next Chair of Trustees to lead our Board into the next exciting stage of our development. We are therefore inviting applications from experienced and inspirational leaders used to playing a strategic role in a large and growing organisation.

We are looking for someone with extensive experience of governance and developing strategy, and of chairing a board but not necessarily in an educational setting. They should have strong interpersonal skills and the ability to develop effective relationships with a range of executive and non-executive post-holders and in particular the highly experienced CEO.

The Chair is expected to commit two to three days a month to the role. This involves Trust Board, Committee, Members and Local Governing Body meetings, and regular meetings with the CEO. The Chair will also spend time representing the Trust with external partners such as the DfE, Ofsted and the Regional Director.

Our current Chair will be stepping down towards the end of 2023. We hope that our new Chair will join our Board as soon as they are available, then take on the role at the end of this year. We welcome applications from all sections of the community. We aspire to build a truly diverse community which values and respects every individual's unique contribution.

For further details please contact Louise Askew, Head of Governance and Compliance, by email at: [laskew@riverlearningtrust.org](mailto:laskew@riverlearningtrust.org), or telephone 07970 678962. Or follow this [link](#) to download an information pack about the Chair of Trustees role. We would also recommend reading the Trust's [stakeholder report](#) which includes videos about the Trust and reflections on leadership from our CEO, Paul James.

The River Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and expects all staff, Trustees and Members to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

To apply please send a CV and covering letter setting out how your experience, knowledge and skills meet the requirements of the role to [laskew@riverlearningtrust.org](mailto:laskew@riverlearningtrust.org) by midday on Tuesday 6th June. We also welcome applications from anyone interested in being a Trustee and not the Chair.

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to achieve excellence in education*



### **Recruitment timeline**

Applications close	12:00 midday Tuesday 6th June
Shortlisting	w/c Monday 12th June or 19th June
Shortlisted candidates to meet a group of Heads and Chairs online.	w/c Monday 19th June
Interviews at the Trust's offices at Gosford Hill School	w/c Tuesday 27th June

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