# **Shropshire Church of England Academies Trust**

Thank you for expressing your interest in becoming a Director of the newly formed Shropshire Church of England Academies Trust. You will find below a summary of what the role of a Director entails. There is also a further link to provide you with further information.

# Please complete the form on page two to express your interest in becoming a Director. You will then be contacted by a Member of the trust, to talk further about the opportunities available.

# **Role of a Director in an Academy Trust**

The academy trust is the legal entity with the board having collective accountability and responsibility for the academy trust and assuring itself that there is compliance with regulatory, contractual, and statutory requirements.

**The academy trust board provides:**

* **Strategic leadership** of the academy trust: the board defines the trust vision for high-quality and inclusive education in line with its charitable objects. It establishes and fosters the trust’s culture and sets and champions the trust strategy including determining what, if any, governance functions are delegated to the local tier.
* **Accountability and assurance:** the board has robust effective oversight of the operations and performance of the academy trust, including the provision of education, pupil welfare, overseeing and ensuring appropriate use of funding and effective financial performance and keeping their estate safe and well-maintained.
* **Engagement:** the board has strategic oversight of relationships with stakeholders. The board involves parents, schools, and communities so that decision-making is supported by meaningful engagement.

A more detailed overview of the roles and responsibilities for Directors (Trustees) can be found in the [Academy Trust Handbook](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/academy-trust-handbook/part-1-roles-and-responsibilities) Roles and Responsibilities Part 1.8 – 1.26

# **Role of a Director in an Academy Trust with Church Schools as part of the MAT**

**The Shropshire Church of England Academ**i**es Trust** has been founded by the Diocese of Hereford and Lichfield. As such, the trust will be established using the Articles of Association for Trusts with Church of England Schools. This details that the object will be conducted in accordance with the principles, practices and tenets of the Church of England both generally and in particular in relation to arranging religious education and daily acts of worship.

Where Church of England schools are part of a MAT, trusts commit to enhance the Christian foundation of these schools. The [SIAMS Inspection Framework](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/education-and-schools/church-schools-and-academies/siams-inspections) holds trusts accountable for their work in this regard. A brief overview of the trust-specific questions that are explored through the SIAMS inspection of each church school within a particular MAT can be found [here.](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Farticulateusercontent.com%2Frise%2Fcourses%2FBVfYn_MsNbjdI1Bz2EWZBVzsOqHMkW7b%2F4282PCL2Z8-vTP7q-SIAMS%252520Trustee%252520Subquestions.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)

**Expression of Interest Form to become a Director/Trustee of the Shropshire Church of England Academies Trust**

**Please complete all sections**

Your details will only be used for this purpose by the Diocesan Education Officers, and will not be passed onto any third party. We will store your information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR.

Please allow the boxes to expand as needed to complete your expression of interest.

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| Name: | Title: |
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| Occupation (if applicable) |
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| **Why are you interested in finding out more about the Director/Trustee role?**  |
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| **What Skills, knowledge and expertise do you have that would benefit you in this role?** |

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| **What experiences do you bring to ensure that the work of the trust will enhance the work of each Church school and its Christian Foundation?**  |

Please return to: education@lichfield.anglican.org

No closing date has been given. We will start engaging with interested parties once expressions of interest have been received.