

## Hello!

Thank you very much for indicating an interest in becoming a governor for our school. I am so pleased that you want to join us and contribute to helping us ensure that our school is the very best that it can be.

Broadstone Middle School is an exciting, fun, learning focused environment which everyone is enthusiastically committed to. The whole community is working really hard to ensure that children and adults alike feel valued and I am delighted that you wish to be part of our wonderful learning community.

As you walk around our school the inclusive ethos of BMS is clearly evident. As a governor you will help to support us in sharing and promoting this ethos. Your views and opinions will be vitally important to continually improving the school and its community.

The position of school governor has always been an important one; it is vital to the effective running of the school. Together with the Directors of the Castleman Academy Trust, the governing team is responsible for the management of the school's strategy, development plan and policies, with specific responsibilities for the school's health and safety, curriculum and human resources. Local governors in the Castleman Academy Trust have a particular responsibility to know the school in order to monitor school standards and support the Headteacher to ensure the very highest quality education for our children.

The term of office is 4 years, although a governor may resign early. The role of governor is to help to make decisions about the future of our school. This will entail meetings at, and visits to, the school, but governors support us in various ways depending on their circumstances. Some regularly work in school, whilst others are at the end of the phone or email. We will work closely with you to find the best working practise for you.

A lot of responsibility comes with the role of governor and I would be lying to you if I didn't point out that it can be an extremely challenging role. However, as long as you keep the best interests of all pupils at the heart of your work as a governor, then you will be on the right track AND you will not be alone. You will be joining a very supportive, dedicated, hardworking team of governors and staff who are passionately committed to taking our school forward and who have the welfare of our pupils always at the forefront of everything we do.

No letter, however, can truly encapsulate the ethos, feel or buzz of our school. Consequently, I feel that it is essential that you visit us for a tour before you submit your application to become a governor. If you wish to arrange a visit, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or email me (dwilks@castlemanacademytrust.co.uk)

Being a governor is an increasingly challenging role, but it is also one that is both hugely rewarding and worthwhile. I wish you every success in your application and I, and the whole school community, look forward to working with you in the very near future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.

Good luck!

Yours sincerely,

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