

Local Governor Vacancies

Bournemouth, Poole & Purbecks

Starting asap

Coastal Learning Partnership is a vibrant family of sixteen schools across Bournemouth, Poole and the Purbecks which are committed to working in close collaboration with each other. We are currently seeking to recruit a number of Local Governors who can lend their support to our schools.

Role of a Local Governor

The role of a Local Governor is voluntary, and is a role for people who have the energy and skills to make a real contribution to shaping the future of our schools. Local Governors are a highly valued group within our wider team in Coastal Learning Partnership and their commitment and energies make a real difference to our schools. You do not need to have any specialist knowledge of education because Local Governors can bring all sorts of other things to their schools: a different perspective or partnership, new ideas, particular specialist skills such as estates, legal, finance and so on. **What they must all bring is a desire to use their skills and experience to add value and contribute to a schools' ongoing work and improvement.**

The time investment of a Local Governor needn't be enormous – some can offer more time than others. All Local governors will usually need to:

- Attend and contribute to the main schedule of meetings (varies between schools but typically six a year; most governing bodies find meeting times which work for their members)
- Make visits to the school as may be enabled by the Governors' schedule
- Take a particular interest in an aspect of the school best suited to them (this can be anything from curriculum to finance to health & safety and much more)
- Undertake the necessary training required

We find that Local Governors take many rewards from the role. Mostly, they know they are making a difference and 'giving something back' to the community. Being a Local Governor can also offer you a wider perspective of schools and education as well as develop your own skills and knowledge in things like strategic management.

You can find out more about the role of a Local Governor in CLP by reading our [scheme of delegation](#). You can also read official government information [here](#).

About the partnership

Coastal Learning Partnership is a multi-academy trust of sixteen schools catering for children aged 3-11 and come in a wide variety: primary, infant, junior schools and also church and community schools. CLP's motto is *Broadening Horizons Together* which we believe captures our aspiration to offer the best possible opportunities to all children, staff and volunteers. We are not a multi academy trust seeking to make our schools all the same as each other; rather, the partnership empowers each school to nurture its own unique identity and individual characteristics to serve its local communities. Our schools serve one another through their professional generosity, sharing resources and expertise and supporting each other's improvement journeys. Our schools also recognise the value and efficiency that can be achieved with the right balance of alignment and standardisation across schools.

You can learn more about our 16 schools by visiting the [CLP website](#).

Applications

If you are interested in applying to become a Local Governor, please send a short expression of interest (telling us about what you would hope to bring to a Local Governing Body) along with a short CV to Sue Bennett, Clerk to the Trustees at sue.bennett@coastalpartnership.co.uk by **Wednesday 3rd March**

If you would like more information about the role of a local governor, or you would like an informal conversation, please email your telephone number to sue.bennett@coastalpartnership.co.uk

CLP would particularly like to hear from people from Black, Asian and other minority ethnicities, people with disabilities and young people as these groups are currently underrepresented on our governing boards. CLP recognises that a more diverse range of trustees can ensure the Partnership is fair and open and can help strengthen decision making across the Partnership.

You can also visit the [Partnership Website](#) where you can find information on all of our schools.

Coastal Learning Partnership is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and requires all staff and volunteers to share and demonstrate this commitment. All Local Governors are appointed subject to an Enhanced DBS check; applicants will be asked to provide a referee.