

Please note: This application may be completed electronically, but must be printed to be signed and dated and returned to Ormiston Academies Trust. Please write only within the text boxes. If needed, continue on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this document.

References will be contacted if applications are successful.

On appointment as a governor a *Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)* check will be undertaken.

Name:

Academy/region\* you wish to be considered for:

Please tell us how you became aware of this vacancy:

Please return the completed application form to [governance@ormistonacademies.co.uk](mailto:governance@ormistonacademies.co.uk), or by post to:

Ormiston Governance Department  
Ormiston Academies Trust  
Ormiston House  
144 Newhall Street  
Birmingham B3 1RY

## Background

### *Who are we?*

Ormiston Academies Trust is a not for profit sponsor of primary and secondary academies. Our vision is for all young people to have the highest academic, social and practical skills necessary for them to lead fulfilling lives.

Since our sponsorship began in 2006, we have gained a network of 30 academies across the UK, of whom we are immensely proud. Our academies are showing how pupils can achieve amazing outcomes whatever their individual circumstances.

Our parent trust, Ormiston Trust, was formed in memory of Fiona Ormiston Murray who loved children but was killed in a tragic car accident before she could have her own.

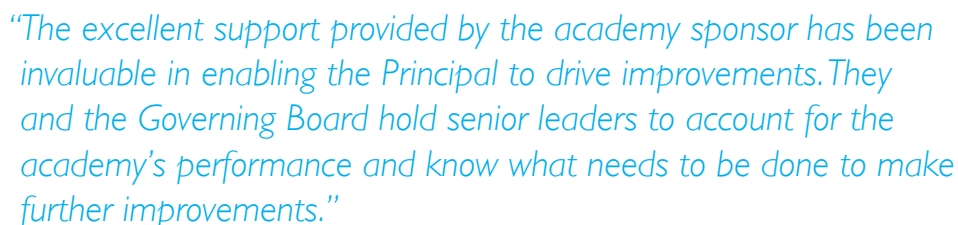
Inspired by her life, we work with local communities from all over the country to give young people an outstanding education.

\* West, East, South or Central.

### What do our academy governors do?

Ormiston governors are working with principals and staff to ensure pupils get the best from their time in our academies. They are involved in:

- Planning to raise standards
- Checking the progress the academy is making towards its targets
- Supporting the principal and staff as well as challenging their ambition for pupils
- Accounting to all stakeholders for the academy's overall performance



*“The excellent support provided by the academy sponsor has been invaluable in enabling the Principal to drive improvements. They and the Governing Board hold senior leaders to account for the academy's performance and know what needs to be done to make further improvements.”*

Ofsted – Ormiston Venture Academy 2013

### Who can become a governor?

We encourage applications from people from all walks of life so that we gain a wide variety of skills and experience to support and develop the academy. At the foot of this form is a list of eligibility criteria, but equally important is your readiness to work as part of a team that understands the academy's work and ability to think through new ideas and decide what is best for the academy.

This will mean you are willing to:

- Attend meetings regularly
- Become involved and get to know the academy
- Help the local community and increase the learning opportunities of the pupils
- Read all paperwork circulated for meetings
- Attend events at the academy
- Respect confidentiality at all times

### What are the benefits of becoming a governor?

Ormiston academy governors find the role challenging, interesting and deeply rewarding because they can see how their work contributes to the well-being and prospects of pupils, academies and communities. It gives them a real opportunity to make a difference. In addition, our governors tell us how it assists their personal development as being a governor provides experience of executive decision making.

*Personal details*

Title:

Forename(s):

Surname:

Former name:

Date of birth:

Male      Female

Address:

Email address:

Telephone (home):

Telephone (work):

Telephone (mobile):

Present job title:

Present employer:

Why do you want to become an academy governor?

Are you currently or have you been a governor at another establishment? Yes      No

If 'yes' please provide details:

Have you ever been removed from membership of a governing body or board of directors for any reason? Yes No

If 'yes' please provide details of the establishment and the reason for your removal:

Do you have any criminal convictions? Yes No

If 'yes' please provide details:

Is there anything in your personal or professional life that may bring Ormiston Academies Trust or the academy into disrepute? Yes No

If so please provide details:

The following skills audit enables a Governing Body to explore its skills and knowledge base and use the information to organise committees, delegate tasks and assist in identifying any skill gaps for recruitment and training purposes.

Do you have any of the following skills or experience? (tick if applicable)

Business – strategy and leadership	Data analysis
Education – attainment, progress and leadership	Financial planning
Governance	Health and safety
Human Resources	ICT knowledge
Legal knowledge	Local knowledge
Marketing/PR	Premises maintenance
Procurement/contracting services	Project management

Are there any other skills or experience you have gained that you could bring to the academy?

Are you, or have you been:

A parent or carer of a child in an Ormiston academy? Yes      No

If 'yes' please provide details:

An employee of Ormiston Academies Trust or an Ormiston academy? Yes      No

If 'yes' please provide details:

A contractor or supplier to Ormiston Academies Trust or an Ormiston Academy? Yes      No

If 'yes' please provide details:

## References

Please provide the details of two referees, please note these people cannot be related to you, your spouse or civil partner.

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Telephone:

Capacity in which they know you:

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Telephone:

Capacity in which they know you:

## Declaration of eligibility to become an Ormiston academy governor

Please tick the boxes

I am aged 18 or over.

I do not already hold governorship of the same academy. *Please note that if you are applying for re-appointment, this information relates to the period when your current term of office ends.*

I am not liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983.

I am not a bankrupt or subject to a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986.

I have not been removed from the office of a charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commissioners or the High court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement or, under section 7 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990, from being concerned in the management or control of any body.

I am not included on the barred list the list of teachers and workers with children or young persons whose employment is prohibited or restricted.

I am not disqualified from being the proprietor of any independent school or from being a teacher or other employee in a school.

I have not, in the five years prior to applying to be a governor, received a sentence of imprisonment, suspended or otherwise, for a minimum of three months without the option of a fine.

I have not, in the twenty years prior to applying to be a governor, been previously convicted of any offence and had passed on me a sentence of imprisonment for a minimum of two and a half years.

I have not, at any time, had passed on me a sentence of imprisonment for a minimum of five years.

I have not, in the five years prior to applying to become a governor, been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on education premises.

I am not subject to a disqualification order under the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000.

My estate has not been sequestrated.

I am not the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order.

Signed:

Date:

Print: