

Trustee

Chaigeley School, Lymm Road, Thelwall, Warrington, WA4 2TE
Voluntary Role
To start ASAP

About us

Chaigeley School is a Non-maintained Special School that caters for young people between the ages of 8 and 16 who experience Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) difficulties. We provide a specialist environment where all pupils have an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP). Our school ethos is rooted in the Quaker principle of respect for the individual and valuing every person's contribution. We are an Ofsted-rated 'Good' school committed to supporting every pupil to achieve their best. Our Vision is to prepare and empower our young people with all the skills they need to live independent lives, become valued members of the community, and achieve their true potential.

The Role

As a Trustee, you will play a pivotal strategic role in ensuring our school provided outstanding education while maintaining the highest standards of governance, compliance, and accountability. Trustees work collaboratively with senior leaders and key stakeholders to shape the vision, strategic direction, and long-term objectives of the school. The role includes providing oversight of financial sustainability, workforce and HR strategy, estates management, risk management, and the effective allocation of resources. As a member of the Board, you will share collective responsibility for ensuring compliance with charitable purposes, statutory and regulatory requirements, and funding agreements, while helping to secure continued success and positive outcomes for pupils, staff, and the wider community.

Trustees are expected to attend committee meetings once per term, typically lasting around 2 hours each, and Board meetings four times a year. These meetings are essential for effective governance and strategic oversight, and your active participation will help ensure the school continues to deliver excellence in education. A full induction of the school will be given on appointment.

About You

In order to be able to fulfil the role of trustee, we are looking for a good team player who has the time to commit to the role and who has the following skills and experience:

- Critical listening and effective questioning skills
- Ability to think strategically
- Excellent communication skills
- Problem solving and analytical skills

If you are interested in making a difference to the lives of the children that attend our school, please get in touch by emailing our company secretary noel.conreen@chaigeley.org.uk. Whilst we have a closing date for applications as **31st October 2026**, we are actively looking to recruit additional trustees as soon as possible in order to boost our numbers. We would therefore welcome applications before our closing date.

This position is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Therefore, the successful applicant will be required to disclose any relevant criminal convictions, cautions, reprimands, or final warnings. Candidates must not have been barred from being a company director.

An Enhanced DBS check will be undertaken for the successful candidate. An online check will be carried out for all shortlisted candidates and references may be requested prior to interview. Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

We are an equal opportunity employer and value diversity. We are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees and encourage applications from individuals regardless of race, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, or religion. If you have a disability and need any adjustments to help you with an interview, then let us know and we will be happy to work with you to find out more about what you need.

All personal information provided in the application process will be handled in accordance with data protection legislation and will be used solely for the purposes of recruitment and selection.