

## Local Leaders of Governance in Barnsley

### Do you want to play your part?

The Barnsley Governors Association (BGA) is introducing a 'Local Leaders of Governance' programme, which will work alongside the National Leaders of Governance (NLG) programme.

The aim is similar to the NLG programme, which is to ensure that there is a group of experienced and skilled governors available who are able to be quickly deployed to support local governors/trustees. We believe that additional capacity provided by Local Leaders of Governance (LLGs) in their work with Barnsley governing bodies will further accelerate school improvement in the district.

### Becoming a Local Leader of Governance

We are looking for experienced governors who can help support other governors/trustees by mentoring and/or coaching an individual or a Board through a specific area of governance. We are happy to receive applications from both governors who are fully confident in all areas of governance and those who feel they can provide support in a particular area such as, but not confined to, Data Analysis, Finance, Child Protection or Health & Safety.

You'll be expected to provide free support for governors/trustees – the number of days you can provide will be agreed with you individually before you are registered with the BGA as a Local Leader. You need to be aware that your commitment to support a governor/trustee or board with a particular issue may vary from a phone conversation to visiting the school.

The BGA will:

- provide free training on how to mentor or coach individuals and groups. We ask you to work with the person/group to find the right solutions but not to offer specific advice that may incur personal liability<sup>1</sup>
- pay reasonable expenses incurred when you're undertaking mentoring and coaching sessions. These expenses are limited to travel, photocopying and telephone costs

Requests for support will be sent to all Local Leaders as and when they occur, as we appreciate that there will be good and bad times during the year to ask for your time.

### Skills and Knowledge Requirements

We are looking for people who are genuinely interested in being trained to help others, however, the basic skills and knowledge requirements are the same as those set out in the new competency framework for governance. We would ask that you review yourself against these and provide a short narrative as to how you can evidence these. Since these are a requirement for all governors, we hope that this will not be duplicated effort. In addition, we ask whether your experience has been gained in one or more particular phase of education and what roles you have held.

### Application Process

An application form is attached; this needs to be endorsed by your chair and headteacher.

There is no particular set time for entry into the programme. Once an application has been submitted a panel, drawn from members of the Barnsley Governors Association, will assess it and will decide whether or not the application has been successful. The applicant will hear about the outcome of their application within four weeks of submitting it.

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<sup>1</sup> The BGA will not be held liable for any bad or incorrect advice given by Local Leaders of Governance.