



YOU could help primary school pupils get their best possible start in life – interested? Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy is part of one of the top performing academy trusts in the country. We need civic-minded, skilled individuals like you to champion and challenge our work. Is this your chance to make a difference?

What is an academy? Academies are state schools funded directly by central Government rather than run by local authorities. Academies have extra freedoms (for example to procure services directly) but are subject to the admissions code and must provide a broad and balanced curriculum.

Who are REACH2? We are an academy trust, a charitable company running over 55 academies. All our academies are non-selective primaries and we choose to work in some of the most deprived communities in England. Don't worry – you may not have heard of us, we don't believe in lots of corporate branding; we want our schools to flourish in their own right, not deliver a one-size education. And we make a big difference: in schools we have sponsored for 5+ years, 69% of them are now judged "good" by Ofsted, 80% having been "inadequate" when they joined the trust.

What do we need from you? We want your skills, strategic thinking and willingness to challenge and push us harder. We are a very successful trust, expanding quickly since we got going in 2012, led by an outstanding former primary headteacher, Steve Lancashire, knighted in the 2016 New Year honours. We believe in effective and independent governance at national, regional and local academy level.

There is a vacancy for you on our Local Governing Body at Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy in Burton on Trent. We are looking for skills/expertise in finance, strategy, law, HR, data analysis, risk management, health and safety, marketing and finance. Experience of the education sector would be a bonus but is certainly not essential. Joining our Local Governing Body would involve you in:

- 2 meetings per term, three terms a year – meetings take place at the school and dates/times are scheduled around members' availability as far as possible
- ideally, a couple of classroom visits or similar per year during school hours
- occasional other events e.g. to meet parents or join governors from other schools for training sessions.

Reasonable travel expenses are payable from the school budget.

What will you get out of it? Aside from the buzz of making a difference to kids? You can:

- develop/broaden/deepen your expertise in another context
- demonstrate team-building and team-working skills
- network with other professionals and community leaders.

Want more information? See our website at www.reach2.org, the terms of reference for each REACH2 Local Governing Body [here](#), and a general introduction to the role of governors including a 4 minute video [here](#).

Interested? Please contact Charlotte Hopkins, Head teacher on 01283 372200 or via head@henhurstridgeacademy.org