



School Governors on the Education Governing Body

Salary: Voluntary plus expenses

Location: Lingfield, Surrey

As an integral part of Young Epilepsy, a national charity that is the UK's major provider of services to children and young people with epilepsy and associated learning, emotional and behavioural difficulties, St Pier's School and College offers educational and residential provision to over 160 young people.

Set within 65 acres, our estate in Lingfield, Surrey includes St Piers School, a non-maintained residential special school for pupils aged 5 to 19, St Piers College, an independent specialist further education college for young adults aged up to 25 and adult residential provision. St Piers has pioneered an approach to education focused on developing empowered, happy young people, who can fulfil their ambitions in a nurturing environment that creates a sense of purpose and self-belief in the individual. We are proud of the history of St Pier's estate, its services for children and young people, and its place in the local community.

Childhood epilepsy can be frightening, isolating and often a misunderstood condition. There is a huge demand for information and support for parents and professionals and a need to improve access to, and quality of, health and education services. The Board of Trustees for Young Epilepsy is responsible for the overall governance of all the charity's objectives and specialist services including pioneering healthcare provision and championing the voice of the young person. The Board sets the strategic direction of the charity and is supported by the Education Governing Body (EGB) which is the strategic leader of St Piers School and College (including residential provision). The EGB has a vital role to play in making sure every learner receives the best possible education.

We are looking to recruit up to three School Governors with a range of skills and different life experiences. We are particularly keen to recruit individuals who are experienced educationalists and have experience of special educational needs and disability (SEND) provision and safeguarding. Ideally, with either a personal or professional connection or experience of epilepsy or another neurological condition, we are seeking to create a more diverse Board and welcome applications from all sections of the community, particularly from those who are currently under represented on the EGB and from diverse communities.

Key Responsibilities

- Understand St Piers School and College (including residential provision) – learner attainment and progress, behaviour, attendance and safety, teaching quality and staff development.
- Determine the mission, values and long-term vision for School and College and work with senior leaders to set the strategy for achieving the vision within the wider context of Young Epilepsy.
- Monitor and evaluate educational performance, using a range of sources, to ensure learner progress is being made and holding senior leaders to account for educational performance.
- Monitor and evaluate financial performance, including grant funding, bursaries etc, to ensure resources are managed and spent effectively.
- Safeguard and promote the welfare of learners.
- Ensure that parents, carers, learners, staff and the wider community are involved, consulted and informed as appropriate.
- Ensure that St Piers is compliant with all legal and regulatory requirements, seeking the advice of the Clerk and other professional advice, as appropriate.

Full details of the role and responsibilities required can be found in the link below. Please apply by visiting www.thewlisgraham.com/assignment-briefings and following the instructions in the candidate brief quoting reference AA1002. The closing date is 31 October at 4pm. Should you still require a confidential conversation with Sarah Thewlis or for any other information please email applications@thewlisgraham.com.