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27<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## WANTED - School Governors

Dear Parents and Carers

You will be aware that Thurlton Primary School joined the Clarion Academy Trust in September as part of the route towards continuous and sustainable improvement for the school.

I wrote to you in December 2017 advising that though the Clarion Academy Trust is currently providing the required levels of governance, the Trust is intending to establish a Local Governing Board for Thurlton Primary School. We are looking for individuals who are willing to support the education and well-being of our young people to join the team. The role is voluntary and we seek to take advantage of the broadest possible vocational and cultural experience available in the community.

We are looking to appoint several decision makers who can demonstrate sound judgement and show commitment aimed at improving school improvement in terms of pupil development, performance, behavior and welfare. Governors make important decisions and being a Governor is stimulating and rewarding. New Governors will be provided with specific Governor Induction Training, have the opportunity of having a mentor and be provided with ongoing training.

There are likely to be 6 Local Governing Board meetings each year and Governors will support the school; for example by attending events or meeting staff to learn more about the school. Some Governors adopt specific areas of responsibility (ie Safeguarding), or monitor and support an area of learning within the school.

The key roles of the Local Governing Board include:

- Setting targets for our school for raising educational standards
- Monitoring progress towards meeting these targets
- Finding the right balance between supporting and challenging the performance of the Headteacher and therefore the performance of other school staff as a whole
- Helping to develop and approve policy and future development plans
- Ensuring good governance is in place and is effectively monitored

What we can offer:

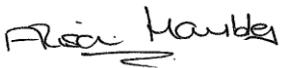
- A chance to develop strategic management skills
- The opportunity to work with a team of Governors and staff dedicated to improving the educational experience and outcomes for all pupils
- Training to help develop your understanding of specific school management issues
- The satisfaction of helping young people to reach their potential
- A sense of achievement as you become a part of a team striving to make a difference

The appointment process will now commence and we are keen to receive applications from parents/carers and other people within the wider community who may want to be considered for this role. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in this opportunity, please complete an application form (available at <http://www.thurlton.norfolk.sch.uk/our-school/governors>, or ask for an application pack from the school office). The website address above also provides guidance notes for the completion of the application form.

Please complete the application form and return this by email to [clerk.schoolsloddon@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.schoolsloddon@gmail.com) or by hardcopy to The Clerk, Clarion Academy Trust, Kittens Lane, Loddon, NR14 6JU **to be received by 30 April 2018**. Following receipt of the applications, candidates may be invited to a discussion with Directors of the Trust during early/mid May 2018. Following these discussions, recommendations for formal appointments will be made at the next Clarion Academy Trust meeting to allow Thurlton's Local Governing Body to be established during the Summer term.

As part of the Clarion Academy Trust, Thurlton Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Governors will be required to undertake safety checks such as an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service disclosure. This is managed through the school. We will welcome applications from all parts of our community regardless of ethnicity, gender, transgender, age, disability, sexual orientation or religion.

Yours sincerely

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John Organ  
Director  
on behalf of Clarion Academy Trust