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Upper Shirley High is a vibrant and thriving secondary school in the Upper Shirley area of Southampton, with an engaged and responsive governing body dedicated to raising standards and building the strong USH community.

This is an exciting period of change for USH. The school is undergoing a programme of expansion, and from September 2022 will be under the leadership of our newly appointed headteacher, Chris Sykes.

Can you help?

The USH local governing board has vacancies for two volunteers, and is also looking to appoint a new Chairperson.

We welcome applications from across our diverse community.

Although the USH board is keen to recruit governors with a background in education, particularly SEND, the most important things that our volunteers bring to the table are objectivity, enthusiasm, an interest in education, and the confidence to question and challenge school leaders.

No previous experience of governance is needed, and training will be given.

Practicalities:

The USH governing board meets nine times a year. Meetings take place from 5.30pm - 7.30pm on Wednesdays. Virtual attendance may be possible.

Governors will also be required to visit the school during the school day on occasion, to carry out monitoring activities and to engage with staff and students.

From time to time, governors may be asked to participate in panel hearings related to HR matters, complaints or exclusions.

The time commitment of a local governor is approximately fifteen hours per term, which includes meetings (reading, attendance, actions), school visits, and training.

If you are interested in joining the governing body at USH or would like any further information please email the clerk to the governing body, Liz Irving, at elizabeth.irving@ushschool.org.