



## **Join the EPA Trust Board as a Director (Safeguarding)**

The **EPA Trust** is seeking a passionate and experienced individual to join our **Board of Directors** as a **Director with responsibility for Safeguarding**, following a Board retirement. This is a vital governance role, maintaining the highest standards of safeguarding and child protection across our family of schools.

The **EPA Trust** is a successful, dynamic and growing multi-academy trust based in Oxfordshire, comprising 11 **schools**: nine primary schools, one all-through school, and one secondary school. With a strong ethos of **aspiration, collaboration, and excellence**, the Trust is committed to providing inclusive, high-quality education that enables every child to thrive.

We have had 9 Ofsted Inspections in the last 3 years and every single one has judged Safeguarding to be effective (and all other criteria as Good/Outstanding). We wish to further strengthen our leadership and governance to continue this exemplary record.

### **About the role:**

#### **As a Director, you will:**

- Work closely with the CEO and lead DSLs to provide strategic oversight of safeguarding policies and practices across the Trust.
- Act as the Board's strategic lead on safeguarding, ensuring oversight of compliance with statutory guidance (e.g. KCSIE)
- Support and challenge the Trust to maintain a culture of vigilance and continuous improvement.
- Contribute to the Trust's wider governance, including attendance at Board meetings and relevant committees as needed.

#### **What we're looking for:**

- Proven experience in safeguarding, child protection, or social care in the public or charity sectors.
- Current knowledge of safeguarding legislation and best practice.
- Strong strategic thinking and governance awareness.
- A collaborative mindset and commitment to the Trust's values and ethos.

### **Why Join EPA Trust:**

- Be part of a dynamic and values-driven Trust committed to educational excellence and pupil wellbeing.
- Influence the strategic direction of safeguarding across multiple schools.
- Work alongside a diverse and skilled Board of Trustees and Executives.
- Make a meaningful impact on the lives of children and young people.

### **How to apply:**

To express your interest or request an informal conversation with the Chair/CEO, please contact the Governance Professional to the Board, providing a copy of your CV to

**[JaneJohnson@epatrust.org](mailto:JaneJohnson@epatrust.org)**

Applications are welcomed from all individuals of diverse backgrounds who share our commitment to safeguarding and inclusion.

This is a part-time, voluntary role.