Parent Governor Role Description

(Academy Standards and Ethos Committee - ASEC)
Reports to: ASEC Chair
Accountable to: DSAT Board of Trustees
Supported by: The Clerk and DSAT Services Team, including the Head of Governance

Purpose of the Role
To bring a parent's perspective to the governance of the academy, contributing to the Trust's vision, ethos, and strategic objectives. Parent Governors are expected to act in the best interests of all pupils and the academy community, not as representatives of individual families or children.

Key Responsibilities

- **Strategic Oversight:** Use your experience as a parent to support the ASEC's remit, particularly in monitoring educational performance, safeguarding, and pupil wellbeing.
- **Governance Participation:** Attend all scheduled ASEC meetings and participate in collaborative professional learning (CPL) events.
- **Link Roles:** Serve as a Link Governor for areas such as safeguarding, SEND, health and safety, or disadvantaged pupils, in line with the Governor Visit Policy.
- **Panel Service:** Participate in ad hoc governor panels as required.
- **Confidentiality & Conduct:** Maintain confidentiality, adhere to the Nolan Principles, and comply with all Trust policies and protocols.

Bringing the Parent Perspective
Parent Governors offer a valuable viewpoint grounded in the lived experience of families within the academy. While not representing individual parents or advocating for their own children, they:

- Help ensure that decisions reflect the needs and concerns of the wider parent body.
- Provide insight into how policies and practices are experienced by pupils and families.
- Support the Trust's commitment to inclusive, transparent, and community-focused governance.