**YOU could help primary school pupils get their best possible start in life – interested?** Lower Farm Academy is a primary school that is part of one of the top performing academy trusts in the country. We need civic-minded, skilled individuals like you to champion and challenge our work. Is this your chance to make a difference?

**What is an academy?** Academies are state schools funded directly by central Government rather than run by local authorities. Academies have extra freedoms (for example to procure services directly) but are subject to the admissions code and must provide a broad and balanced curriculum.

**Lower Farm Academy:** At Lower Farm we create a friendly, caring atmosphere with happy children who are absorbed in what they are learning and feel valued as they progress through their learning journey. Our exciting and challenging curriculum engages and motivates our pupils to become resilient, independent thinkers with a thirst for learning. Whilst we strive for high academic standards, we are also fully committed to developing the creative, emotional and social aspects of all of our pupils’ lives to ensure both their physical and mental wellbeing.Every child will be respected and treated as an individual, with no limits placed on their learning – just opportunities to continually improve. We believe in the potential of every individual and that every child in our school can achieve and enjoy their time with us.

**Who are REAch2?** We are an academy trust, a charitable company running 60 academies across England. All our academies are non-selective primaries and we choose to work in some of the most deprived communities in England. Don’t worry – you may not have heard of us, we don’t believe in lots of corporate branding; we want our schools to flourish in their own right, not deliver a one-size education. And we make a big difference: over 80% of our schools are judged “good” or “outstanding” by Ofsted, 80% having been “inadequate” when they joined the trust.

**What do we need from you?** We want your skills, strategic thinking and willingness to challenge and push us harder. We are a very successful trust, expanding quickly since we got going in 2012 and we believe in effective and independent governance at national, regional and local academy level.

**There is a vacancy for you on our Local Governing Body at Lower Farm Academy in Nuneaton.** We are looking for skills/expertise in strategy, HR, risk management, health and safety, marketing and finance etc. Experience of the education sector would be a bonus but is certainly not essential. Joining our Local Governing Body would involve you in:

* 2 meetings per term, three terms a year – meetings take place at the school and dates/times are scheduled around members’ availability as far as possible.
* ideally, a couple of classroom visits or similar per year during school hours
* occasional other events e.g. to meet parents or join governors from other schools for training sessions.

**What will you get out of it?** Aside from the buzz of making a difference to kids? You can:

* develop/broaden/deepen your expertise in another context
* demonstrate team-building and team-working skills
* network with other professionals and community leaders.

**Want more information?** See our website at [www.reach2.org](http://www.reach2.org), further information specific to our governance structure is available [here](https://reach2.org/governance/), and a general introduction to the role of governors including a 4 minute video [here](http://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor/Be-a-Governor.aspx).

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