

OVERVIEW

Stormont School is a leading independent school for girls aged 4–11, located in Potters Bar, Hertfordshire. In 2024, Stormont joined the St Albans Education Group (STAEG), a growing charitable group of independent schools committed to educational excellence. The Group now includes Stormont School, St Albans High School for Girls (STAHS) Senior, STAHS Prep, St George's Ascot and St George's School Windsor Castle.

School Governing Bodies (SGBs) are being established across STAEG schools to provide supportive critical friendship, endorse strategic proposals, and offer constructive challenge. SGBs bring valuable local insight, contextual understanding and a visible governing presence for staff, parents and pupils.

THE ROLE

As a member of the Stormont SGB, you will join the school at an exciting point in its development. For the academic year beginning September 2026, we are seeking three committed and skilled SGB members to play an important advisory and strategic role. As SGB members are not subject to the full statutory responsibilities of a governing body, the role is more flexible and less demanding while still offering meaningful involvement. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals seeking a purposeful but manageable commitment.

Purpose of SGBs:

- Support the Head in shaping school-level strategy and provide informed advice to aid decision-making
- Act as visible representatives of governance within the school community
- Monitor safeguarding, wellbeing and compliance
- Provide feedback to the STAEG Council on local issues, risks and opportunities
- Inform and advise the STAEG Executive

RESPONSIBILITIES

Main duties and responsibilities:

- Prepare for, attend and actively participate in all full SGB meetings (held termly, minimum three per year)
- Attend school events and be a known, approachable member of the school community
- Undertake training as required, including safeguarding training
- Uphold the highest standards of confidentiality, integrity and governance practice

Additional duties of the SGB Chair:

- Attend the annual Chairs' Conference at STAEG HQ
- Lead the school's preparation for inspections, supported by a STAEG Council member and the SGB Safeguarding Governor
- Hold regular meetings with the Head
- Support the Head in presenting the annual school review to the STAEG Executive

PERSON SPECIFICATION

We are looking for individuals who can demonstrate:

- Sound judgement and the ability to provide constructive challenge
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Commitment to safeguarding and promoting pupil welfare
- Willingness to learn, attend training and engage with school life
- Ability to work collaboratively as part of a governance team
- Alignment with the values and ethos of Stormont and STAEG

TERM

This is a voluntary role. Reasonable expenses may be claimed. Members of the School Governing Body (other than the Chair) serve a four-year term and may be reappointed.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send your CV and a covering letter outlining your interest and relevant experience to governoradmin@staeg.org.uk

STAEG is a vibrant group of schools supported by a diverse and enthusiastic community of governors, staff, pupils, parents and alumni. We welcome and encourage applications from people of all genders and sexual orientation, those from Black, Asian and other minority ethnic backgrounds, and those with disabilities.

STAEG committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants will be required to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.