If you are highly organised and keen to contribute to the success of schools in your community, becoming a DCAT Clerk might be the role for you….

**The Trust Centre Team is on the lookout for dedicated clerks to join our friendly team. As a DCAT Clerk, you will play a crucial role in delivering a high-quality clerking service and offering administrative support and procedural advice to our local governing bodies. Your work will directly impact the strategic role of these bodies in ensuring schools provide the best possible education for their pupils.**

The Diocese of Chichester Academy Trust is a thriving Trust on the south coast of England with some exciting opportunities for new Clerks to join us to provide support to our Local Governing Bodies (LGB) for schools in Hastings and / Little Common. This is a part-time, hybrid role allowing you to enjoy the flexibility of working from home, alongside attending local governor meetings in-person in the school(s). Locum clerking sessions may also be available across the Trust for the right candidate.

Applicants need to be reliable, confident, and highly organised. You will need skills in good administrative practice and experience of minute taking. You will also need to be confident in the use of Word, Excel and e-mail and have access to a computer and the internet.  An understanding of confidentiality is essential for this role.

Responsibilities will include:

* working effectively with the chairs of the LGB, headteachers and other local governors to secure the continuity of governing body business.
* Advising on procedural and legislative matters to ensure the LGB works to the legal framework and Trust’s Scheme of Delegation.
* Completion of tasks including the preparation and circulation of papers, attendance at meetings and minute taking and maintaining a business calendar, including policy reviews.

We are interested to hear from applicants that either hold a relevant award (BTEC level 3 in Clerk to the Governing Board or equivalent) or would be prepared to work towards a recognised accreditation.

We are committed to staff development and opportunities for further CPD will be fully supported. If you believe you have the skills and attitude to thrive in this role, then we want to hear from you.

**Salary and Hours**

You will be employed on a zero-hour contract and will be paid an hourly rate for attendance at LGB meetings, time taken in preparing for the meetings (e.g. agendas and minutes) and any other relevant administrative work or attendance at training courses directly supporting your role.

Salary - East Sussex Single Status, Grade 7, sp 18-19, £26,539 -£27,196 pro-rata (pay award pending). Travel expenses will be met, but this will be discussed in more detail at interview.

Candidates should submit:

* A completed application form (CVs will not be acceptable)

Completed applications should be sent to the HR team at  [hr@dcat.academy](mailto:hr@dcat.academy). Informal discussions about the role are welcomed, please contact Danni Gregory, Trust Governance Professional on 07513 826602 or email [dgregory@dcat.academy](mailto:dgregory@dcat.academy).

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| **Closing Date** | Wednesday 14th May at midday |
| **Interview Date** | W/C 19th May |

As an inclusive employer, it is important to us that our recruitment processes are inclusive and accessible.  Trust will consider reasonable adjustments and access needs throughout all stages of the recruitment process. If this is something that would be supportive to you, please contact our HR Team at [hr@dcat.academy](mailto:hr@dcat.academy)

**Safeguarding**

This post is covered by the Childcare Disqualification Regulations 2018. The Trust will need to ensure that they are not knowingly employing a person who is disqualified under the 2018 Regulations in connection with relevant childcare provision. Accordingly, shortlisted candidates will be required to demonstrate to the Trust, by completing a self-declaration form as part of the pre-employment checks process, that they have not been disqualified under the 2018 Regulations. If the preferred candidate is found to be disqualified under the 2018 Regulations, the offer of employment will be subject to the application by the preferred candidate to Ofsted for a waiver and the receipt of a waiver from Ofsted.

All staff will be expected to hold or be willing to obtain Enhanced DBS check or Enhanced check for Regulated Activity with the Disclosure & Barring Services (previously the Criminal Records Bureau). For further information about what is required in this process please go to www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service check (http://www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring service-check).

This Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All school-based staff have the responsibility for promoting the safeguarding and welfare of children. All school staff should be aware of the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and work in accordance with this document at all times.

**Additional Information**

Work Permits: we may be able to obtain a Work Permit for this post, but this is subject to meeting the requirements of the UK Border Agency's Points-based Immigration System. Due to the restrictions, we cannot guarantee that individuals that meet the requirements of the Points-based Immigration System will be issued with clearance to obtain work permits.