**APPLICATION TO SERVE AS A**

**WORCESTER DIOCESAN ACADEMIES TRUST (WDAT) MEMBER**

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| Thank you for your interest in serving as a WDAT-appointed Foundation Member.  Please complete and return your application form, with the requested copy of I.D. evidence, to either [education@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:education@cofe-worcester.org.uk).  You will be notified of the outcome by letter after the next scheduled WDAT meeting. If you have any queries in the meantime, please telephone either 01905 732 821 or 01905 732 825. |

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| Eligibility to serve as an academy Member  The Government stipulates that appropriate checks are made on anybody who will be working in a school, academy or further education institution. This includes Members. The application form lists disqualification criteria and you are asked to confirm that none apply to you.  New Foundation Members are appointed subject to a satisfactory application being made to the Disclosure and Barring Service for a criminal records certificate. This is undertaken by the academy. |

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| The meaning of ‘Member’, ‘Director’ and ‘governor’  *Definitions are taken from the EFA’s ‘Academies Financial Handbook’, effective from September 2016*  In academies there are frequent references to ‘Members’. This is the same body of people as both the ‘Directors’ of the company and the ‘governors’ of a *single* academy trust; these words are used interchangeably. Governors must understand their duties as company directors and charity Members. Essential reading: the Charity Commission guidance CC3: ‘The Essential Member: What you need to know, what you need to do’.  The ‘Members’ of an academy trust have a different status from the Members. The members are the subscribers to the trust’s memorandum of association. Members have an overview of the governance arrangements of the trust and have the power to appoint some of the Members. |

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| Proof of identity  Even if you are known to the academy, you are also asked to present proof of identity to the Clerk to the Trust, or, Administrative Officer of the academy as part of the application process. This proof of identity will be a birth certificate, driving licence, or passport. |

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| **Name with Title (Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Rev’d)** |  |
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| **Post-code** |  |
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| **Please describe your Christian commitment and involvement** |
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| **Please identify any experience / expertise you can bring to the Members Board of the academy (e.g. as a former governor / Member, teacher, administrator, in business, finance, human resources, etc.)**  **Please also complete the Skills Audit questionnaire and return with your completed application.** |
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| **Other relevant information** |
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