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Dear applicant

On behalf of the Sex Education Forum Board of Trustees, I am delighted that you are interested in applying to join our Board. The Sex Education Forum celebrated a milestone in April 2021 by becoming an independent charity. For more than 30 years, we've been at the forefront of the campaign for children and young people's rights to high quality relationships and sex education (RSE) in England. Now, as schools start to deliver compulsory lessons in RSE the Sex Education Forum has entered a new chapter.

This is an exciting time for the charity. We operate with a small staff team, working remotely, but through our reach, positioning and strategic activities we are impactful and have a track record of securing meaningful change and building a strong coalition of RSE advocates, experts and educators. Our current Board consists of six committed individuals, each have been involved in the work of the Sex Education Forum during and prior to becoming an independent charity, and bring a wealth of experience from different backgrounds.

As we look to the future, the roll out of compulsory RSE in schools brings us to a new place where we want to ensure that the legislation is followed through. High quality evidence based RSE is already being delivered by many schools across the country but a postcode lottery remains. The challenge now is bringing all schools to the level of the best so that every child and young person, regardless of the school they attend, receive the RSE they have been promised. We also want to give attention to the breadth of educators who can support children and young people outside of school, for example parents, carers, youth and health professionals. We are concerned too about those children who are most at risk of missing out on high quality RSE.

There is much to be done, and the need is pressing. We are therefore recruiting new Board members to help us achieve our objectives and further extend our impact. We are looking for Board

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members who can bring the skills and expertise needed for us to realise our ambitions in various ways, including:

- Ensuring that children and young people have a central voice in accelerating change and guiding the next phase of our work
- Realising our potential through digital, since we are now an organisation that operates remotely, and with services such as membership, events and training that are all underpinned by digital systems
- Sustaining and expanding our work by having an appropriate fundraising strategy in place

The strength of the Sex Education Forum has always been our community of partners, members, and supporters, who make up a unique network of individuals and organisations all passionate about RSE. Our Board plays a crucial role in setting the strategic direction of the charity and ensuring we can nurture and expand these relationships.

I hope you will consider joining us at this key moment for the Sex Education Forum and look forward to receiving your application.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Hadley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alison Hadley OBE

Chair of the Board of Trustees