

School Governor

**Have you got:**

• An interest in education?

• Dedication to promote high standards of attainment?

• The ability to work as a team to meet the school’s aims and objectives?

• An interest in using your skills to offer opinions and solutions to topics and challenges?

**Then you could have what it takes to join the largest volunteer group in the country, working with others to get the best for our children by becoming a Governor.**

**Governors are:**

• Parents or relatives of children who go to the school

• People nominated by the Local Authority

• People appointed by the Local Diocese

• Teachers

• Support staff

• People connected with the local community

• Headteachers

**What does the role involve?**

Governor volunteers work alongside the school’s senior leadership team to set targets, formulate school policy and plan for future development. Governors do not manage the day to day running of a school but they do set the framework which should ensure the school is running effectively.

**The three core functions of a governing body are:-**

• Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

• Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff

• Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

**Expertise needed?**

There are no specific skill requirements for the role. However, schools do benefit and are increasingly interested in volunteers from the Finance, Legal, Business, Marketing, HR and Construction sectors. On appointment, governors receive an induction pack from the Local Authority who provide comprehensive training and support.

**Term of Office**

A term of office is for a period of up to four years.

