

Interested in becoming a school governor

School governors play a vital role in education. By volunteering as a governor you can make a difference by shaping the future of children and young people.



Reasons to volunteer

- ✚ Help ensure voices are heard
- ✚ A rewarding experience
- ✚ Leadership development
- ✚ Improve the lives of children and young people
- ✚ Make a difference in the communities your organisation is connected with
- ✚ Governing within a trust or school also provides an opportunity for personal development, building you skills and experience in areas such as project management, budgeting, and working as part of a leadership team.

There are no specific qualifications or requirements for the role - every governing board needs a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience. You don't need to be a parent or to have a background in education.

Governing boards meet regularly to look at the big picture and the school or trust's long-term goals. Governors typically serve at schools that are maintained by the local authority or at the local level within the trust, whereas trustees serve on an academy trust board.

Governing boards work together to:

- ✚ Develop a vision and strategy for the school or trust
- ✚ Oversee the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent
- ✚ Hold the school and trust leaders to account to ensure that every pupil has the best possible education.
- ✚ Engage with pupils, staff, parents, and the school or trust community to understand their views

Governance activities

- ✚ Attending governing board meetings: these normally take place around six times per year and may be held outside school hours.
- ✚ Looking at information and evidence on the school or trust's progress and discussing with school leaders.
- ✚ Visiting school to see plans working in practice, and listening to the views of staff, pupils, and parents.
- ✚ Involvement with headteacher and CEO appointments.
- ✚ Making decisions about issues such as pupil exclusions and staff disciplinary matters
- ✚ Undertaking induction training and ongoing development.

Governor eligibility

To be eligible to volunteer within a trust or school you need:

- ✚ Some time to contribute
- ✚ To be aged 18 or over
- ✚ Not to be disqualified under the relevant rules and procedures

If you are interested in applying for the position of foundation governor, please complete the form on the following link - [Application for governor](#).

Kind regards
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