



# School Governor Role Description

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School governors are responsible for overseeing the strategic direction of the school. They focus on strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. As part of the governing board, governors play a vital role in helping schools run efficiently and effectively to give children the best education possible.

Being a school governor is a commitment to attending governing board meetings which consider issues such as setting the school vision, mitigating financial risk and scrutinising educational outcomes. School governors are also involved in the school community, acting as critical friends to the headteacher and senior leaders. The main responsibilities of a school governor include:

1. Ensuring strategic direction, vision and ethos.
2. Holding executive leaders to account.
3. Overseeing financial performance and ensuring money is well spent.

The governor role is strategic rather than operational. Governors don't get involved with the day to day running of a school, instead supporting and challenging the leadership team to drive school improvement.

As a school governor, you'll attend full board meetings every term, where you'll hear updates from the headteacher and discuss any strategic priorities.

This opportunity will suit someone who:

- Wants to make a difference to people's lives in schools and their community.
- An opportunity to learn new skills and share your knowledge with others.
- Get great experience to include on your CV or future application forms.
- A proactive approach to becoming involved in the team.
- No specific education or leadership experience is required – just plenty of enthusiasm and commitment.
- You must be aged 18 years of over.

You don't need to be a parent or teacher to become a school governor. While parents and those with education experience make great governors, neither are requirements to volunteer. Many schools want an outside perspective and rely on those with business acumen to bring challenge to the board. Governors can access a wide range of training to support them in fulfilling the role, including:

- Induction training and mentoring
- Understanding school finance and risk management
- Challenge and accountability
- Safeguarding
- Prevent duty

We require all volunteers to attend training as part of their role. This may be delivered in a range of ways including attending organised training sessions, work shadowing and through supervision. Training may be delivered at a range of venues.

This role requires an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, as you will be working with children and young people and declare yourself a suitable candidate by completing a statutory form.

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