



Why would I want to be a Governor?

What will I get out of being a school governor?

- The knowledge that you have played a part in improving children's education and supported the school's staff.
- A chance to develop new skills and to practise existing ones, such as chairing meetings, speaking in groups, asking questions, making suggestions and appointing staff.
- A chance to help other members of the team, perhaps because they are new, are not used to committee work or need help in learning about the school and about school governance.

What makes a good school governor?

- You care about improving children's educational attainment.
- You want to contribute to the local community.
- You can work corporately and value the contributions of other people who may hold alternative views to your own. You also understand the concept of corporate decision making.
- You accept you might need training.
- You are willing to ask questions.
- You are open to ideas and willing to learn.

What can I offer?

- Enthusiasm and commitment.
- If you are a parent, your own understanding of other parents' concerns, but you don't need to be a parent to be a good school governor.
- Whether you are a parent or not, as a member of the school's community your local knowledge will be valuable: you will have a feel for what is important to people.
- If you happen to have business or other skills, schools might find these particularly helpful.