



Governing Bodies

- School governing bodies are responsible for working with the school to ensure that it delivers a good quality education.



Key Roles of Governors:

- To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- To hold the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- To oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent



Other Important duties

- Determining how the school's budget is spent
- The appointing and dismissing of staff
- Hearing appeals and grievances
- Forming policy on the school's curriculum and collective worship
- Setting standards for pupils' behaviour and discipline
- Making sure school buildings are welcoming and safe
- Setting and monitoring the school's aims and policies



Qualities

- enthusiasm
- commitment
- interest in education.



What does the role involve?

- You will need to attend a governors' meeting each half term.
- You will need to be able to work well in a team, as you'll be making **joint decisions** on policy.
- Being a governor will be a **busy role**. As a governor you'll probably need to work six to eight hours a month.



Parent Council/Forum

A body which:

- enables parents to meet, share ideas and feed back to school
- gives parents a voice and enables them to contribute to school decision making
- helps develop a partnership between parents and school
- consults parents and advises school leadership and/or governing body of parents' views.