



Who can become a governor?

There are different eligibility criteria for different types of governor. If you contact us, we can advise you on which governor position might be suitable for you.

Types of governor include:

- Parent governors
- Staff governors
- Community governors
- Local authority governors
- Foundation governors.

Even though each type of governor is appointed from a different part of the wider school community, all governors have an equal say and an equal vote in making decisions.

If someone is appointed as a governor, there will be a confidential Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check by Wakefield Council.

What help is available for school governors?

As a new governor, you will be supported by more experienced governors, the chair of the governing body and the headteacher.

Wakefield Council also provides training courses for governors and governing bodies, including training for new governors. We also provide a training and information service.

Want to know more?

If you would like to become a school governor, please contact the school you are interested in, or a member of School Governor Services on:

01924 305640

01924 305379

01924 305638

Further information can also be found at

www.wakefield.gov.uk/governors

Could you be a school governor?

Wakefield schools need governors

Access this and other information on the web
at www.wakefield.gov.uk



Why become a school governor?

Are you looking for a challenge that enables you to put something back into your local community?

Are you interested in making a positive contribution to children's education?

If you have answered 'yes', then becoming a school governor could be the opportunity you are looking for.

School governors are the largest volunteer force in the country and are there to work with the headteacher and senior management team to ensure pupils get a good education.

Governors represent people from many walks of life including parents, the local community and school staff. This means that school decisions are made by people with a wide range of experience and views.

By becoming a school governor you will:

- have an opportunity to gain new skills
- work as part of a team
- help ensure that every child at the school reaches his/her full potential
- play a vital part in raising standards and achievement
- make an important contribution to your community.

What does being a governor involve?

School governors work as a team, in partnership with the school's headteacher. Together they form the school's governing body.

The governing body has important responsibilities. These can be summarised as:

- helping to decide how the school will develop
- helping to decide the school's priorities and targets
- helping to decide how to spend the school's budget
- helping to ensure that all children are getting a good education at the school
- selecting new staff
- encouraging good links with parents and the community.

You do not need any special qualifications to be a school governor, but you need to care about the school and be prepared to give your time and effort.

You will be expected to:

- attend governing body meetings (usually two a term)
- serve on one or more committees or working parties
- prepare for meetings by reading the papers sent out in advance
- get to know the school well - perhaps by visiting while the school is in action
- support the school
- attend training on developments in education and on being a school governor.

"Being a school governor is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. We get the chance to create an environment where the next generation get the opportunity to fulfil their potential."