



Would you make a good Staff Governor?

Staff governors are members of their school's governing body which is a "corporate body". School governors are drawn from different parts of the community, such as parents, the staff, the local authority, the community and other groups. This helps to ensure that the governing body is balanced by a diversity of views and experience.

Who are staff governors?

Staff governors are representative of the members of staff who elected them. They are not delegates and do not have to take instructions on how to vote from the other members of staff at the school.

Membership of the staff governor category can include

- Teacher
- Support staff
- The headteacher

Being a staff governor will give you a wider perspective of the

work of the school and is a unique opportunity to develop a broader understanding of the leadership and management of the school. This role also gives a unique insight to teachers who aspire to senior leadership.

Responsibilities

The governing body has a range of duties and powers and a general responsibility for the conduct of the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement. This includes areas such as setting targets for student achievement, managing the school's finances, making sure the curriculum is balanced and broadly based, appointing staff and reviewing staff performance and pay.

How do I stand for election?

The Headteacher shall invite self nominations from all staff paid to work at the school.

If there are more candidates than vacancies a ballot will take place. The candidates



who polls the most votes wins the election.

Staff governors have a duty to:

- Keep colleagues informed about plans for the future (providing they are not confidential).
- Listen to the view of colleagues and report their colleagues' views to governors (even if they do not agree with them).
- Report back to colleagues accurately and responsibly.

If you would like more information please contact the School Governance Team on 01223 715321.