



## **Become a School Governor and Make a Difference**

### **What are the different types of Governors and how I do become a School Governor?**

Volunteers with diverse backgrounds make up the Governing Boards of schools.



They have important skills and experience for the role and usually have specific duties within the governing board.

The Governing Boards of Local Authority Maintained schools consist of:

- 1 x Headteacher.
- 1 x Staff Governor – these are elected by other members of staff employed by the school.
- Parent Governors – every maintained school governing board must include a minimum of 2 Parent Governors. These are usually parents or legal guardians of children at the school, and they are elected by other parents.
- Co-opted Governors – these are governors who are appointed by the Governing Board itself, usually because the board has identified gaps in its skill set which the new governor is able to provide. Co-opted Governors can also include members of the school staff.
- 1 x Local Authority Governor – these are governors who are nominated by the Local Authority because they have the skills which the governing board needs. It is the responsibility of the board to make the appointment.

Academies usually have different types of Governing Board models and categories of Governors, along with individual governance arrangements, but still aim to have a mix of members.



The type of governor you will become depends on your situation; however, all governors have the same roles and responsibilities once part of the governing board.

## What you need to become a school governor

You don't need any special expertise to become a school governor, but you could have what it takes if:

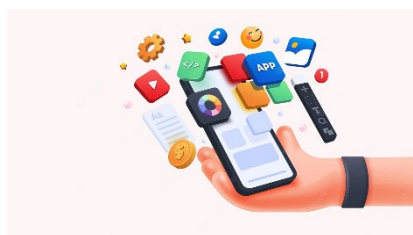
- you're 18 or over
- you want children to get the best from school
- you'd like to put something back into your local community
- you're interested in people
- you're prepared to work as part of a team
- you have time to get to know your school, go to meetings and read papers
- you're comfortable asking questions
- you're open to new ideas and ready to learn

## How can I become a school governor?

If you are interested in taking on this important and challenging role, please email [admin-governorsservices@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:admin-governorsservices@barnsley.gov.uk), stating which school and/or area of Barnsley where you would like to serve as a Governor.

In order to become a school governor you will be required to undergo a DBS check. You will also be expected to attend induction training and agree to the Governors Code of Conduct.

If your school has signed a Service Level Agreement for Governor Services Support with School Governors Services, you will be able to register for free a governor 'App'.



This will provide you with everything you need, via the press of a button on your mobile device, to support you in your role, including: downloading documents for meetings, useful resources, current statutory guidance and the ability to share information with your fellow Governors via the noticeboard. This information can also be accessed on a pc/laptop via a dedicated

website.

You will be expected to serve for a term of four years, but you can resign at any time if your circumstances change.

## Don't delay, apply today!

Becoming a school governor is a great opportunity to use your skills and experience to make a difference to a school and its students. You will also gain valuable insights into the education system, develop your leadership and communication skills, and meet new people. If you are passionate about education and want to give something back to your community, don't hesitate to apply to be a school governor today. You will be welcomed, supported, and appreciated by the school and its staff, students, and parents. You will also be part of a national network of over 250,000 governors who are working together to improve education for all.

