



# Governors Newsletter

## A Special Thank You to Barnsley's School Governors

**Dear Governor,**

As the 2025/26 academic year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to formally recognise and thank you for the outstanding contribution you have made to your school and the wider Barnsley education community during the course of this academic year.

This letter is written in recognition of the dedication, commitment, expertise and countless hours that you have given freely in support of improving the educational outcomes and life chances of Barnsley's children and young people. Your willingness to volunteer your time and share your skills for the benefit of others is both admirable and deeply appreciated.

School governors are often the unsung heroes of education. Much of the work you undertake happens behind the scenes and away from public view. The hours spent reading reports, attending meetings, undertaking training, scrutinising performance information, reviewing policies, participating in school visits and providing strategic challenge are rarely visible to the wider community. However, the impact of this work is profound.

Throughout this academic year, you have supported schools through ongoing challenges, embraced new responsibilities, undertaken training to strengthen your knowledge and skills, and remained focused on ensuring that every child has the opportunity to achieve their full potential. Your work has helped schools maintain high standards, strengthen safeguarding arrangements, support vulnerable learners and deliver positive outcomes for pupils.

The educational successes that we celebrate across Barnsley are not achieved by school staff alone. They are the result of strong partnerships between school leaders, teachers, support staff, parents, communities and governing bodies whose members care passionately about the future of their schools.

What continually impresses me is the professionalism, integrity and unwavering commitment that you bring to your role, and on behalf of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, the Barnsley Schools' Alliance, headteachers, school staff, parents and, most importantly, the children and young people you serve, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for everything you have done during this academic year.

You may not always receive the recognition you deserve, but please know that your contribution is invaluable. Your dedication is appreciated, your commitment is respected and your impact is significant.

Thank you for your continued commitment to school governance and for everything you have contributed during the 2025/26 academic year.

**With sincere thanks and best wishes,**

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