



The Role of the Parent Governor





Could you be **A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?**

Governors play a really important part in the running of every school.

By becoming a Parent Governor, you could bring a parent's view to the Governing Body. You would be involved in the discussions and decisions that impact on the school management.

To be a Parent Governor you must be a parent or carer of a child in the school.

You also need to be enthusiastic and interested in the education of young people and be prepared to commit some time to this important, interesting and very rewarding role.

Governors are usually appointed for four years.

Induction training is provided for all new Governors to help them to fully understand their role. This is provided locally. There are also other training opportunities to help Governors to gain new knowledge and skills. All courses are provided free of charge.

As well as this training, you may have skills from your workplace that will be really useful to the whole Governing Body, for example skills in planning, finance or Human Resources.



The Governing Body meet three times each school year and you can also visit the school at other times to see the school at work.

You will never be asked to take decisions on your own. The Governing Body is a team of thirteen people, including the Head of the School and all Governors work together to make decisions in the best interests of the children and the school as a whole.

To become a Parent Governor, collect a form from the school. Complete it and return it to school in a sealed envelope marked 'Nomination of Parent Governor'.

Once Governors have been appointed, they undergo a criminal record check from the Disclosure and Barring Service, before they begin their role. This is known as a DBS check.

If you have any questions, please contact the school for further advice and information.