



Would you make a good school Governor?

All over the county, school governors are helping headteachers and staff in Cambridgeshire ensure our children get the best from their time in school.



Schools are keen to attract people in the community to become governors; people who can bring energy, experience and fresh ideas to the role of organising and managing a school.

Governors need no formal qualifications or particular skills, but they do need to have time to dedicate to their role, to make good decisions and to make sure their decisions are followed up. Could you meet this challenge?

Can you spare some time?

Are you interested in serving the community?

Would you be prepared to attend an Induction Course to find out more about your role?

Do you enjoy working as part of a team?

Yes? Why not become a school governor? Schools come in many shapes and forms – nursery, primary, secondary and special and so do school governors.

In order to decide how to become a governor, interested individuals will need to understand what sort of governor they want to be and the appointment processes involved.

Parent Governors

All schools have a number of places reserved for parents of pupils at the school. Parents

will receive a letter when a vacancy arises inviting nominations. Where there are more parents wishing to serve as governors than vacancies, a simple election is held. If there are fewer parents than vacancies, parents can be elected unopposed. Governing bodies can appoint parents where vacancies remain unfilled following an election. Guidance can be found in A Guide to the Law for School Governors.

In order to be considered for a parent governor vacancy, you should approach your child's school.

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Foundation Governors

If the school is supported by a foundation, which is normally related to a religious denomination, then some of its governors are appointed by that foundation. In the case of a voluntary aided school, the majority of governors are foundation governors. If you already belong to the foundation in question, or if its members know you, it is possible that you could be invited to become one of its representatives.

Community/Co-opted Governors

Most schools, other than voluntary aided schools have a number of places reserved for representatives of the community. These community governors are invited to join the governing body by the other governors. However, to be eligible, an individual needs to be known to the school. If you are interested in becoming a governor in this category, it is quite in order for you to contact

schools in your local area. Let them know of your interest and enquire whether they have any vacancies.

Local Authority Governors

Each school's governing body has a number of governors who are appointed by the governing body. Nominations to fill local authority governor vacancies can be made by the school or by the local County Councillor for the area. If you are interested in becoming a local authority governor, you should therefore contact either the individual school or the local county councillor. The headteacher, councillor or a governor will be able to talk to you about becoming a governor and possibly suggest you for nomination.

Our aim is to increase the number of committed and dedicated school governors in Cambridgeshire. Remember, a school's governing body should reflect the local community

served by the school and as such everyone has something to offer schools.

If you would like further information or support, please contact the School Governance Team who will provide you with more information.

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