



Being a Governor at Wraysbury Primary School

What Do School Governors Do?

School governors are a team of people who work closely with the head teacher and senior management team to make key strategic decisions about the running of the school. They play an important role in improving standards throughout the school and setting financial budgets. Governors are elected for a four-year period.

The Governing Body does **not** have responsibility for the day-to-day management of the school. The Head is responsible for this within the general policies set by the Governing Body.

How Much Time Would I Need to Commit?

Full Governors' meetings are usually held in the evenings due to work commitments. The Committee meetings are usually held in the daytime but, if you work full-time, your employer should allow you time off for this, however they do not have to pay you for it.

During each school year, our governors are expected to attend a minimum of;

- 6 Full Governing Body meetings (6 x 1.5 hours)
- 6 Committee meetings (6 x 1 hour)
- 2 Subject Link meetings (2 x 1 hour)
- Governors into School Day (4 hours)
- School events such as sports day, summer fayre, parents' evenings
- 3 Governor Training Sessions (3 x 2 hours) (these can be done online at home)

You would also need to set aside time for reading policies and paperwork ahead of each meeting, and contributing towards newsletters and other committee activities.

What Experience or Qualifications Do I Need?

There are no specific requirements. Our Governors have a wide range of skills, qualifications and life experiences that benefit the governing body. Every year we undertake a skills audit to establish our strengths and identify areas where we would benefit from additional knowledge or expertise.

**At present, we are particularly keen to recruit parent governors with
Legal, Strategic or Educational experience and knowledge.**

What Would I Gain from Being A School Governor?

Being a school governor can be a very rewarding experience, as you are significantly contributing to the success and achievement of the school and our pupils. You also have the opportunity to learn and develop business skills that can enhance your day job, assist you in returning to work or towards a promotion. Volunteering in the community, particularly in a statutory setting, is highly valued both professionally and personally.

If you would like an informal chat about this role, please contact Jayne Kennedy, Chair of Governors at; wraysbury.governors@rbwm.org.uk. For more information about the role of school governors, please take a look at the National Governor's Association website at; www.nga.org.uk