

School Governor Vacancies

Are you interested in education and helping pupils achieve their full potential? Would you enjoy giving a little bit of your time to benefit your local community? Have you considered being a School Governor?

Sharmans Cross Junior School is keen to invite members of the local community to join its active and committed Governing Body, and would be particularly keen to gain some accountancy and legal knowledge within the team.

What do school governors do?

The governing body of a school is responsible for ensuring that it is run to promote pupil achievement. Its duties include:

- setting strategic direction, policies and objectives
- approving the school budget
- reviewing progress against the school's budget and objectives
- appointing, challenging and supporting the headteacher

The governing body is made up of:

- parent governors (elected by parents)
- staff representatives (elected by school staff)
- local authority governors (appointed by the local authority)
- community governors (members of the local community appointed by the governing body)
- for some schools, people appointed by the relevant religious body or foundation
- up to two sponsor governors, or four if the school is a secondary school (appointed by the governing body)

What would be involved?

Governing bodies make their decisions based on the advice of committees that deal with specific issues like the school's curriculum, premises or finances. If you become a governor, you will be asked to serve on a committee where you have an interest or can make a contribution.

The amount of time involved for each governor varies but typically consists of 6 to 10 hours over a term. This would typically include a couple of evening meetings, a Governor training seminar, time spent reading meeting papers and any time in school that you are able to give.

Being a governor is a serious commitment, but it can be very rewarding. Find out more about the benefits of becoming a school governor on the School Governors' One Stop Shop (SGOSS) website.