

Becoming a local governor for NEAT

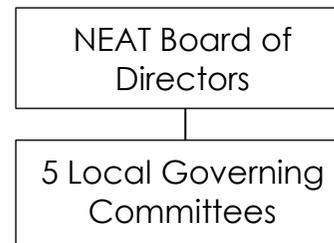
NEAT is a multi-academy trust with five schools in the East End of Newcastle upon Tyne:

- Benfield School
- Central Walker Church of England Primary School
- Tyneview Primary School
- Walkergate Community School
- West Walker Primary School

We are known as a **mixed** multi academy trust as we have both non-faith and faith schools. Each school has its own unique character and ethos.

What do local governors do?

Each school has its own Local Governing Committee, which makes certain decisions on behalf of the Trust Board.



Governors have a four year term of office, except for co-opted governors who are appointed for one year.

What does it involve?

All governors attend the four local governing committee meetings each year, which are usually held late afternoon/early evening.

Governors are involved in monitoring activities which may be once or twice a term. Governors also visit the school during the day to see first hand the impact of their work, although they aren't involved in the day-to-day running of the school. The average time commitment is 5-8 hours per month.

What will I get out of it?

Your involvement and commitment could make a massive difference to the future of young people and our community. Your input will help the school to improve and our pupils to get the best education possible.

You can also learn and practice key skills including:

- building relationships and networks
- effective teamworking
- communication
- influencing
- problem solving
- using data to make decisions.

Will I need training?

You don't need any specific training to be a governor, however we offer:

- an awareness session for new governors to welcome you to NEAT
- access to governor induction training with one of our partner organisations
- an annual programme of training aimed at the knowledge and skills that local governors need to be effective.

We can also offer a more experienced governor as a "buddy" when you first start.

How do I become a local governor?

There are different processes depending on whether you are eligible to be a parent governor, staff governor, trust governor or co-opted governor.

The school office and website will have details of the appointment process for any current vacancies.

Contact details for all our schools are available at:
http://www.neat.org.uk/web/schools_overview/

You can also contact Hannah Hales, Governance Support Adviser on 0191 228 4090.