

## Becoming a local governor for NEAT

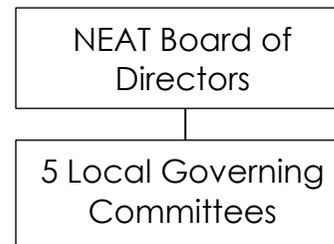
NEAT is a multi-academy trust with five schools in the East End of Newcastle upon Tyne:

- 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.



Each local governing committee has its own scrutiny and evaluation groups, which focus on priorities such as the curriculum or pupil welfare.

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 up to seven local governing committee meetings each year, which are usually held late afternoon/early evening.

Most governors are also involved in scrutiny activities which usually happen once or twice a term during the school day.

The average time commitment is 5-8 hours per month.

Governors aren't involved in the day-to-day running of the school.

## What will I get out of it?

Your involvement and commitment could make a massive difference to the future of young people and our communities. 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 on-line learning from the National Governance Association
- an annual programme of training and networking opportunities to build the knowledge and skills that you need to be effective as a local governor.

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.

Please contact Hannah Hales, Clerk to the Local Governing Committees on 0191 228 4094 to discuss current opportunities.

The school office will have details of the appointment process for any parent or staff governor vacancies.

Contact details for all our schools are available at:

[https://www.neat.org.uk/web/schools\\_overview/277219](https://www.neat.org.uk/web/schools_overview/277219)