

THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Body works with the Headteacher and the staff at the school to make sure the school provides a good quality education for all its pupils. Governors are not expected to make day to day decisions about how the school is run; this is the job of the Headteacher. They should have the ability to listen, think through new ideas and decide what is best for the school as part of a team.

The three key roles of a Governing Body are to:

- Provide strategic direction for the school;
- Work with the Headteacher to raise standards and promote the well being of pupils;
- Ensure accountability.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING A SCHOOL GOVERNOR IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE?

All over the County, school governors are helping Headteachers and staff in Cambridgeshire to ensure our children and young people get the best from their time in school.

Who are school governors?

School governors are the largest volunteer force in the County. There are currently around 4,000 governors in Cambridgeshire. You do not have to have children at a school to be a governor. You do have to be over 18 and pass and satisfy the eligibility criteria set by the Government. It can assist with your personal development; you get access to training and experience of a live boardroom situation and an enormous sense of satisfaction in supporting your community.

How much time does it take?

The term of office for a school governor is normally four years. You will need to be able to give some time to prepare for and attend meetings. Most schools have a full governing body meeting twice a term and you may also join a committee which usually meets once a term. You may also be invited to make planned visits to the school.

Types of governors are as follows:

Local Authority Governors

Parent Governors

Staff Governors

Co-opted Governors

Associate Governors

For further information, please contact:-

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