

## Governor – Local Governing Board – Summary of the role

The board of trustees, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school.

The local governing board is delegated certain functions by the board of trustees and will be responsible for:

- **Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.**
- **Overseeing safeguarding, health & safety and wellbeing policy and performance at the school**
- **Overseeing the financial performance of the school**

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the local governing board's work. Training is available for all local governors and the board of trustees has an expectation that those new to being a local governing board member attend free induction training.

### Your Commitment

If you become a governor you will be taking on the following commitments to help make sure the school is well managed:

- Share the responsibilities of the governing body as summarised above.
- Attend and participate in governors' meetings on a regular basis – the governors generally meet six times a year
- Undergo appropriate training
- You may also be invited to sit on panels

You will be required to sign the governing body's code of practice, and to apply for a DBS enhanced disclosure.

If you would like to know more about the role of governor you are welcome to contact the Governance Officer, Janet Bremner, [governanceofficer@educatetogether.org.uk](mailto:governanceofficer@educatetogether.org.uk)

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