



SAPIENTIA
EDUCATION TRUST

Become a School Governor

SET schools share a common purpose and work together to help ensure our vision is delivered - "To provide a world class education locally, enabling every pupil to flourish." Governors in our schools are people who want to make a positive contribution to pupils' education. They come from all walks of life but all want to promote this vision and be part of the team that helps pupils achieve all they are capable of.

Each of our schools is managed through the Trust's central team and the school's Head Teacher. They are supported by Local Governing Bodies (LGBs) whose role is to work with and offer challenge to the Head Teacher and their senior team focusing on the quality of education that the school provides and the relationship between the school and its local community.

The benefits of becoming a Governor

Being a Governor is a hugely rewarding form of voluntary work. It offers an opportunity to make a real contribution to the education of our younger generation right at the cutting edge.

In return for the personal commitment that our Governors make, they benefit from:

- making a real difference for our children
- contributing to the local community
- access to training and governance resources
- personal development
- a sense of achievement and working as part of a team
- gaining expertise in new areas and an understanding of the education system

What we ask from our Governors

Governors offer their time voluntarily.

Each year you will be expected to attend around 4 formal meetings which usually take place in the late afternoon or early evening.

As part of their role Governors are expected to visit the school and provide a short report of what they have learned to the LGB. In addition, LGBs have Governors identified to lead on certain areas, for example Safeguarding or Special Educational Needs or website management.

Who can be a Governor?

Governors are appointed by our Trustees and come from a diverse range of backgrounds. We try to ensure a varied and appropriate skills set in the make-up of our LGBs. We actively encourage Parent Governors and diversity which aims to reflect the community in which the school sits.

To be eligible as a Governor you must be over 18 years of age and not have been declared bankrupt or be barred from working with children.

There are no particular qualifications or requirements other than a willingness to give time to the role, a capacity for working with other people and a desire to ensure that all children receive the best possible outcomes from their time at school.

How to apply to be a Governor

Applications are welcome at any time, whether we have a vacancy or not. To express an interest please contact wendy.maguire@se-trust.org

