

What kind of person makes a good governor for All Saints School?

Essential

- Someone who understands and is committed to supporting the unique ethos and values of a church school
- Someone who is enthusiastic and prepared to make a commitment to offering the time needed to fulfil the role
- A willingness to undergo appropriate training
- A team player
- Reliable and ready to apply professional standards in the fulfilment of the role
- Good listening and communication skills
- Someone who would respect the need for confidentiality
- Someone ready to establish and maintain good working relationships with fellow governors and staff
- Someone ready to represent the school positively within the local community

Desirable

- Enjoys analysing performance data and problem solving
- Brings a background skill which compliments the existing skills of the governing body. These needs change over time. E:g in Finance, police work or law, HR, social work, health service, running a business etc
- An interest in reading about issues related to education

What does being a governor involve?

- To attend all full governing body meetings (currently 4 a year)
- To join one or two of the committees and to meet 3 or 6 times a year
- To read all of the documentation sent in advance of the meeting

- Be prepared to contribute to decision making at meetings
- To attend the annual joint writing of the school development plan with staff
- To understand the school's strengths, areas for development and improvement plans
- To become a link governor and in this role to liaise with your fellow link governors over the focus of your visits, twice a year and share the writing of the reports of these visits and feedback to the governing body
- Attend school events as invited by the headteacher
- Undertake training, write a report on it and give feedback to the full governing body
- Be prepared to serve on a working party and/or to gather information for the governing body as might be needed
- If your time permits, to support the school by reading to pupils, accompanying school visits, networking etc
- Contribute to an annual skills audit and self-review

Chances for development

- To chair a committee and draw up the agendas for it
- To be a committee secretary and prepare minutes
- To lead a working party
- To become a " buddy" for a new governor
- To become Vice Chair or Chair