

Parent Governor Fact Sheet

Who can be a parent governor?

Any person who has responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election.

Note: Any parent working more than 500 hours annually at the school cannot stand as a parent governor but can stand as a staff governor.

What qualifications do I need?

Parent governors don't need any formal qualifications. You just need common sense, enthusiasm, time, energy and commitment.

How much time does it take?

The full governing body meets once a term. Meetings take about two hours. Governors can also attend committee meetings during the term. Whilst being a governor certainly requires commitment it does not call on huge amounts of time.

How long is the term of office?

You normally hold office for four years, even if your child leaves school during this time. However, you can resign from the governing body at any time.

What does the governing body do?

Governing bodies play a vital supporting and strategic role in the effective planning and decision making of the school. They are responsible for different aspects of the school such as finances, premises, staffing and curriculum.

Is there help for new governors?

New governors receive induction training explaining the role and responsibilities of governors. There is a designated helpline, website, newsletter and training course, which keeps you informed and where you can ask questions. Your fellow governors will also support you in your new role and you will be assigned a governor "buddy".