

# What are the qualities of a School Governor?

The most important quality is the desire to make a difference to children's lives through education.

In addition to this, attributes that make a good governor includes:

- ◇ The ability to work as part of a team.
- ◇ A desire to help the local community.
- ◇ To add an external perspective.
- ◇ A willingness to challenge assumptions.
- ◇ The time to get involved.

# What happens next?

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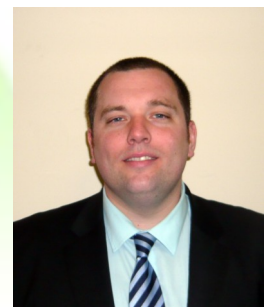
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# School Governors

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# What does the role of a Governor entail?

The governing body has overall responsibility for the way the school is run, promoting the highest standards of achievement for its pupils.

The core responsibilities can be summarised as:

- ◇ Setting the school's aims and objectives.
- ◇ Monitor and evaluate the school's progress towards achieving these aims and objectives.
- ◇ Be prepared to ask difficult questions and seek further information.
- ◇ Give constructive criticism.
- ◇ Planning the school's long term future.
- ◇ Appointing senior members of staff including the Headteacher.
- ◇ Oversee the school's budget and premises.

# What a Governor is expected to do at Holmbush Primary School

- ◇ Be prepared to spend at least six hours per month during term time on governing body matters.
- ◇ Attend one full governing body meeting and at least two committee meetings each term.
- ◇ Attend appropriate training courses and feedback to the full governing body.
- ◇ Do all necessary preparatory reading.
- ◇ Contribute to the school visit monitoring programme.
- ◇ Be prepared to take on roles and responsibilities, including involvement in working parties.
- ◇ Serve the statutory four year term.

# What are the Personal Benefits?

Being a governor is an enormously challenging and rewarding opportunity

- ◇ A sense of satisfaction through knowing children will benefit from your efforts.
- ◇ The opportunity to develop new skills and to strengthen existing ones.
- ◇ The opportunity to work with new people from different backgrounds.
- ◇ The opportunity to gain awareness of the education system.