



Falconbrook School

Maintained school governor

Role Description

School governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the UK. They provide schools with strategic leadership and accountability for educational and financial performance.

The three core functions of a school governing board are to:

- Hold school leaders to account for the educational and financial performance of the school
- Governors create robust accountability for school leaders through rigorous analysis of performance data and financial information.
- Set the school's vision and values, and the strategy for achieving this vision
- The school's vision centres on pupils' progress and achievement. Working with senior leaders, the board sets strategic objectives to help the school reach its goals.
- Ensure the school's financial success and probity

The governing board must ensure that the budget delegated to the school by the local authority is managed effectively, and regarding value for money.

Responsibilities

- Develop the school's vision and strategy
- Set a culture of high educational standards, which promotes staff and pupil wellbeing
- Ensure the school follows the National Curriculum, and that all pupils, including those with special educational needs (SEND), can access the curriculum
- Monitor provision for pupils with SEND
- Monitor the school's educational performance, using a range of data sources
- Ensure stakeholders (parents, pupils, staff, the local community) are informed and consulted as appropriate
- Approve the school budget
- Monitor and evaluate the school's financial performance
- Approve and review school policies, and hold staff to account for their implementation
- Ensure the school is compliant with legal requirements, including that all statutory policies and documents are in place
- Carry out the appointment and performance management of the headteacher
- Monitor and evaluate the school's staffing structure(s)
- Monitor health and safety in the school
- Work in co-operation with the local authority, having regard to any guidance it issues



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Skills and experience

Essential:

- Critical listening and ability to ask effective questions
- Strategic thinking
- Excellent communication
- Problem-solving and analysis

Desirable:

- Fundraising and Income Generation
- Understanding of data
- Finance and/or accounting knowledge
- HR experience
- Knowledge of education
- Leadership and management skills
- Risk management skills
- Legal expertise
- Marketing and communications skills

Time commitment

The time commitment for school governors will vary. However, all governors must attend at least 6 meetings of the full board per year. The term of office is 4 years.

Governors hold a link role focused on an area of the school that they are particularly interested in, Teaching and Learning. Link governors frequently visit the school to meet with learners and understand more about their specialist area.

Preparation for meetings includes reading papers and preparing questions for senior leaders.

You will also be expected to undertake any training required to enable you to discharge your role effectively including safeguarding and governor essentials.

Interested

If you would like to know more about becoming a governor at Falconbrook or visit the school please call 0207 228 7706 or email admin@falconbrook.net.