

Fairisle Infant & Nursery School, Fairisle Junior School, Newlands Primary School, Oakwood Primary School, Redbridge Primary School, Shirley Warren Primary and Nursery School

## Who Can Be A Governor

Governors are one of the largest groups of volunteers in the UK.

There are no specific qualifications or requirements for the role - you just have to be over 18 and not previously disqualified.

Every governing board needs people with a range of knowledge, skills and experience. Diverse boards mean better governance and better reflect our community. You certainly don't need to know how to be a governor before you start, or have a background in education.

## What is the Governing Board?

Our boards are made up of 9-11 governors.

They aren't involved in the day to day running of the school but look strategically at the educational and financial performance and offer support & challenge to the school's leadership team to drive school improvement.

Each governor contributes to this by bringing their skills, experience, knowledge and/or understanding of the school community. No governor can do all of this, they do it together by working as a team.



## What do Governors Do?

**Governing Body Meetings** - Boards generally meet twice per term to work together, discuss and make decisions about the school. Documents are sent about a week beforehand so governors have time to read them and prepare.

**Visits into School** - Governors visit to see how what is discussed in meetings works in practice, or to meet with and hear from staff, pupils or parents. Some governors have specific roles and report back to the governing body.

**Panels or Hearings** - Governors may take part in meetings related to appointments, exclusions or complaints within the Trust.

**Training** - Training and support is available and governors are expected to develop their skills and understanding. Courses are usually certificated and can be done online or in person.

## Why Be A Governor with us?

- To make a difference
- To help ensure voices are heard
- Contribute to our local community
- Support our children and the next generation
- Because education is really important

But also there are benefits to you

- Personal development
- Receive training and develop new skills or gain experience to help in your career
- Find a new way to use the skills and knowledge you have
- Meet new people and develop your network
- Feel rewarded from knowing that what you do has value and makes a difference