



Interested in being a school governor?

Bolton primary school is looking for new governors. You could make a difference to the lives of children and young people by contributing to the strategic leadership of the school. You may also learn new skills and gain satisfaction from giving something back to the community by promoting the education, safety, and well-being of students.

What is the role of a school's governing body?

Governing bodies work with the head teacher to give strategic direction and focus through setting the vision, policies, and priorities of the school, agreeing plans and budgets, involvement in appointing staff, supporting the work of the school and challenging it to improve. This includes ensuring that school has a safe environment in which students can learn and making sure the curriculum meets all pupils' needs, as well as acting as a link between the local community and the school.

Who can be a governor?

You can if you have enthusiasm, commitment, time, an interest in the future of children and young people and are over 18 years of age. The most effective governing boards are those that have a mix of expertise, experience, knowledge and skills and experiences and include people from different cultures and age groups. You need to be able to listen, learn, challenge constructively, question and work as part of a team.

What type of Governor vacancies are there at Bolton primary?

We are looking to recruit parent governors and co-opted governors - that is people from the local community.

What will I be asked to do?

You'll be asked to attend the six meetings per year of the full governing body and prepare for those meetings by reading the papers in advance. Some governors also attend the staff, finance and premises committee that meets three times a year. We will agree with you two or three areas of the curriculum or other aspects of the school business that you will monitor. This involves coming into school to talk to staff and children and see the school in action. You are also very welcome to come along to school events to get to know the school better.

If you are keen to become a governor but are unable to make this time commitment, come and talk to us about being an associate governor. Associate governors use their specialist knowledge and skills to support the school and help the governing body fulfil its responsibilities by monitoring a specific area such as finance or premises and attending the governing body meetings a few times a year to provide advice.

What training and support will I get?

Following preliminary meetings with the headteacher and the chair of governors we will provide you with links to all the necessary training and information to help you learn about how you can support the school as a governor. An experienced governor will provide informal support during this induction period, and for your first governor meeting and first monitoring visit.

Throughout your time as a governor, you will have access to free training from the National College, the National Governance Association (NGA) and Westmorland and Furness Council.



I'm interested what do I do now?

Please contact admin@bolton.cumbria.uk , phone school 017683 61511, or pop into our office and we'll arrange to meet with you to tell you more and answer any queries you have.

You can find out more about the school on our [website](#).



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