



Become a Parent Governor



What does a governor do?

Governors make up our Academy Committee (AC), and play a vital role in shaping the strategic direction of our school.

What is the Academy Committee (AC)?

The AC is a dedicated group of volunteers committed to supporting and challenging school leaders to ensure best educational outcome for all Millbrook pupils. Working directly with the Headteacher and academy trust leaders, the AC helps deliver:

- Strategic direction of the school
- Community involvement
- Ensures pupil welfare & safeguarding
- Independent oversight of pupil learning
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Ensuring correct & effective use of school funds
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

Day to day operational issues are the responsibility of the Headteacher and the Leadership Team.

What different types of Governors are there?

Our Governing Board is made up of volunteers from:

- Local community
- School staff
- Parents just like YOU.

What makes a good School Governor?

- You care about improving childrens' education.
- You want to contribute to the local community.
- You value the contributions of other people who may hold alternative views to your own.
- You are willing to take part in decision making.
- You accept you might need training.
- You are willing to ask questions.
- You are open to ideas and willing to learn.

Who can be a Parent Governor?

Anyone over 18 with a child at Millbrook can volunteer as a Parent Governor.

You do not need educational experience, or special qualifications. We need people from outside of the school with different perspectives.

We want the children at Millbrook to receive the best education possible, allowing them to achieve their full potential; we want you to provide your experience as a parent to help us achieve this.

Parent Governors bring invaluable parental insight to the AC. Although they are not representatives of the parent community, their perspective is essential in shaping the values, culture, strategy, policies, and procedures of the school.

What are the Duty's of a Governor?

Termly Meetings

Attend six meetings per year (once each term). All meetings are usually held on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Meeting dates are planned by the AC before the start of the next school year.

Meeting Preparation

Read supporting papers and prepare questions for effective meetings.

School Visits

Complete 2-3 school visits per year, either as a link governor, through learning walks, or another capacity that allows you insight to the school, and provide feedback to the AC.

Training

Make use of training available to support you in your role. Training is provided in-person, on Teams, or online.

What is the time commitment?

The average time commitment is normally no more than 5-8 hours per term.

Will I receive Training?

Whilst you don't need any specific qualifications or experience to be a governor, all new & existing governors receive ongoing training to help them be effective in their role.

Is there a dress code?

No, come as you feel comfortable. Governor meetings are not like formal business meetings. We are a friendly team coming together to ensure the best outcome for our pupils.

Will I need a DBS check?

Yes. When you accept a position as a governor, the school will organise this for you.

Where can I find more information?

- www.inspiringgovernance.org
- www.nga.org.uk

What can I offer?

- Enthusiasm and commitment.
- Your own perspective as a parent, and understanding the concerns of other parents.
- As a member of the community, your local knowledge will be valuable: you will have a feel for what is important to people.
- Experience, skills & interests from your life that can help with planning, scrutinising information, asking questions, etc.

Why Volunteer as a school governor?

Make a Difference: The chance to have your say, and play a part in improving the education of children, and influencing the strategic direction of the school.

Be Part of a Team: Everyone brings different skills, insights & experiences to the team.

Personal Development: A chance to develop new skills and to practise existing ones, knowledge, and experience in governance and leadership.

Community Involvement & Networking: Connect with other parents, school staff, help the school reach out and engage with the local community

Fulfilment: Experience the satisfaction of contributing to the success and well-being of all pupils.

Do you have a friend or family member who may like to be a governor?

Great! We are always interested in hearing from people from the community who would like to join our team.

Please ask them to get in touch with us.

I'm interested, what next?

Please contact us using the details below.

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