

## Welcome to being a Governor at a Church of England School

Thank you for agreeing to become a governor. You are joining 300,000 other volunteers throughout England who serve their local school in this capacity.

Don't be put off because you are not an expert. Governors are people from different walks of life, bringing a range of perspectives to the school.

Start by asking yourself the following questions:

- Do you get on with other people?
- Are you open to new ideas and ready to learn?
- Are you prepared to work as part of a team?
- Do you have some spare time, especially in the evenings and weekends to go to meetings or read papers?
- Do you want to put something into your local community?

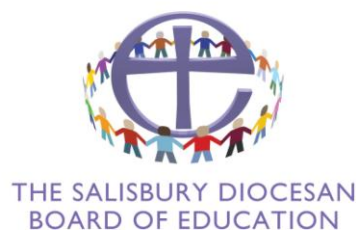
If you were able to answer "yes" to these questions, then you have the makings of a good school governor.

Working as part of a team, towards a common goal, is something that most governors find very satisfying and rewarding. Governors have to be prepared to give and take and to be loyal to decisions taken by the governing body as a whole.

In the following pages we aim to give some pointers to understanding some of the background to being a governor at a Church of England School, but this is just the beginning! You will learn a great deal more from your fellow governors, the headteacher and staff at the school and training sessions organised by the Diocese and LA and of course from just doing the job!

With my thanks and best wishes,

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