

BECOME A GOVERNOR WITH ACTIVATE LEARNING EDUCATION TRUST



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Want to **make a difference** in your community, and develop your own **professional skills**? By volunteering as a school governor, you can do both!

We all want the best for our children and for our local schools. Governors play a key role in leading, supporting and improving those schools, and becoming one can be a very rewarding experience – and it may not be as time consuming as you may think!

Why become a school governor?

The benefits of being a governor are immense, both personally and professionally. And it may not be as a big a time commitment as you imagine – **governors meet on average around twice a term.**

As a governor you will:

- Have a **genuine, positive impact on the lives and education outcomes for children and young people**
- Use and develop your professional skills and experience in areas such as strategic planning, leadership, financial planning, good practice, and team working - skills that feed back directly into your own career and personal development
- Build relationships and networks in your locality
- Gain satisfaction knowing that your input directly supports young people and the wider community served by the school
- Being part of a multi-academy trust also enables your knowledge to be shared across other schools to provide support to more teachers and students.

What you need to know

What do school governors do?

School governors play a **key role in leading our schools**. They set the strategic vision and direction, approve budgets, support staff recruitment, monitor school performance, approve school policies and procedures, and **hold the senior leadership team to account**.

Who can become a governor?

Being an ALET governor comes with lots of **support, training and development**.

- Anyone over the age of 18 can be a governor and you don't need to be a parent
- You do **NOT NEED experience or knowledge about education**; governing committees need people from a variety of industries and professions who can bring their knowledge and talents to the school
- ALET **welcomes people from all backgrounds** to apply to reflect the diversity within our school.

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I love how I get to play a part in helping my local school to improve and develop, but my biggest reason for serving is the opportunity it gives me to encourage and champion the great work that is already being done by such a hard-working group of staff and teachers”

What you need to commit to

- Take part in **regular governors' meetings**, usually 4 times per year with additional committee meetings as required.
- Spend time on **training and getting to know the school** through termly link governor visits.
- Occasionally sit on appointments panels or panels that handle staff or student discipline issues or complaints against the school.

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It is always illuminating to see at first hand the hard work and commitment. It often makes me reflect on and evaluate what best practice looks like in my own work setting - I definitely take away as much as I put in”

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