



Eligibility criteria	Aged 18 years or over and not otherwise disqualified from office (see Governor Legal Declaration Form)
Qualifications	Good basic education to GCSE level in literacy and numeracy, or the equivalent
Personal characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good communication skills, including being able to discuss sensitive issues tactfully • Maintain confidentiality at all times
Essential skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to improving education for all pupils • Ability to work in a professional manner as part of a team and take collective responsibility for decisions • Commitment to the school's vision and ethos • Willingness to learn • Basic IT skills (i.e. word processing and email)
Desirable skills	<p>When making its decision on who to appoint, the Governing Body may give priority to people with any of the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance • Premises management • Safeguarding • Education • Data analysis • Human Resources • Health & Safety • Risk assessment • Governance • Legal • Fundraising
Time commitment	<p>The role of Governor is an important one for the school and individuals should ensure that they have adequate time to discharge their duties effectively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 year term of office • Full Governing Body meetings (up to 6 per year – usually on Wednesdays at 6.30pm) • Membership of one committee (up to 6 per year – usually on Wednesdays at 8.00am) • Link Governor role (up to 3 meetings with relevant member of staff per year – at a time of mutual convenience) • Attendance at one Governor Day per year – choice of three dates • Continuing professional development to develop skills as a Governor