

What type of governors are there?

If you are genuinely interested in becoming a governor, Bubwith Community Primary School recruits:

Parent Governors – these governors are the parents (or those who have parental responsibility) of children currently attending our school. Governors are elected by parents of pupils who attend the school in a formal election.

Co-opted Governors – if you are a grandparent, community leader or a local resident who has an interest in governance within our school you may be selected as a co-opted governor. Co-opted governors are appointed by the governing body and are selected according to the skills set required for individual roles and responsibilities.

Local Authority Governors – as a local authority governor you will be expected to challenge how our school fits within the wider local governance of the East Riding of Yorkshire County Council. Local Authority governors are appointed by the Local Authority.

Where can I find out more?

Governors have a number of legal duties, which are outlined in the DfE document called:

‘A Guide to the Law for School Governors’.

For further information on being a school governor, you can visit the following websites:

<http://www2eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/governors>

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/governance>

Or, do contact our Chair of Governors for any further information or advice (contactable via the school office).

What do I do next?

Please contact the school office to request application details.

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Becoming a School Governor

Why be a school governor?

The Governing Body make decisions which are in the best interests of the children at Bubwith Community Primary School.

Fulfilling the role of a school governor is both a serious undertaking and enormously rewarding.

Contributing to the growth and development of a school and seeing tangible improvements in the attainment and well-being of the children is a satisfying and important contribution to the local community.

If you are interested in making a difference to the future of our children and are looking for a new and rewarding challenge, then becoming a governor at Bubwith Community Primary School may be the next step for you.

Who can be a school governor?

You do not have to be an expert in education to become a school governor. There are no age restrictions or qualification requirements as free training is provided. The only requirement we expect are that all applicants are enthusiastic about education, committed to the community they live in, are eager to see our young people succeed and are prepared to be DBS checked.

What is a governing body?

Bubwith Community Primary School's governing body provides a strategic view of the school by establishing a clear vision for the school within an agreed policy framework. These duties include having an overview of the financial, personnel and curricular management of the school and being responsible for considering pupil exclusions and complaints against the school.

What do governors do?

Our governors work in partnership with the head teacher in a strategic role to support the on-going educational development of the school through its School Improvement Plan. They also oversee the school's financial management systems and strategic working policies. Governors are not involved in the day to day running of the school.

The governing body is responsible for the overall conduct and performance of the school and must therefore constantly promote and challenge high standards of educational achievement. It must also support and respond to Ofsted inspection reports as necessary.

In addition, some governors may be involved in the appointment of teaching and support staff at the school.

How long is a term of office for a governor?

The usual term of office for a school governor is 4 years.

How much time do I have to give to the role?

As a governor, you will be expected to attend a full governing body meeting once a term for 2-3 hours. Full meetings are generally held at the school in the evenings.

You may also be asked to be involved in focused committee groups, including personnel, curriculum and standards, finance, health and safety and safeguarding. These committees generally meet once or twice a term or as determined by the specific requirements of the governing body. Committee meetings may be held in the evenings or during the day, depending on the availability of committee members.

You may be expected to attend various meetings and training events, some of which are a statutory requirement in order to fulfil your role as governor. These may take place at venues outside the immediate school locality.

Governors are also expected to visit the school once a term in the school day with a specific area of focus or responsibility.