

Would you like to help shape the future for the next generation?
Do you have valuable/professional skills you can offer?
Are you committed to contributing to your local community?

If so, why not consider becoming a governor?

We are keen to recruit people with specific skills and expertise however, we welcome anyone who is interested in school governance.

Previous school governor experience is not essential and we would be able to offer further training as necessary.

Hovingham Primary School is a large inner-city school, serving the diverse and vibrant community of Harehills in Leeds.

We are school full of people with a passion for providing the best for children, driven by our purpose to give our children the best experiences we can!

As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of the school.

Who are our school governors?

The governing body of Hovingham Primary School is made up of, parents, staff, local authority and co-opted governors. We are from all walks of life and come from different backgrounds, with varying skills and experiences.

What are we looking for?

We are currently looking for new governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- An interest in the performance of the school
- An open and inquisitive mind
- The ability to look at issues objectively
- The confidence to ask questions and engage in debate
- A willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- The ability to work well with others
- Time to give to the effective governance of the school.

We are looking for someone who can attend approximately 2 x 2 hour meetings per term, held in school, usually on an evening. Governors also spend time in school during the day (around two visits per term).

What can we offer?

- A chance to develop skills in strategic leadership

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- The opportunity to work with our team of governors, headteacher and senior leaders in driving school improvement
- Training to develop an understanding of specific school matters and governance roles
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our school
- Becoming part of the biggest volunteer workforce in the UK.

What is the governing body's role?

The governing body of our schools plays a key role in:

- Setting the strategic direction of the school
- Deciding policy and future development plans
- Monitoring progress towards meeting targets
- Finding the right balance between supporting and challenging the performance of the school
- Ensuring sound financial management
- Upholding good governance and working towards the success of the school

Being a governor is enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Shelagh Henderson, Chair of Governors, at Shelagh.henderson@hovingham.org

Leeds is particularly underrepresented by governors from BAME communities