

# 5 Fantastic Reasons to Become a School Governor

Give back to the school community for these brilliant benefits.

## 1. Being a school governor is rewarding

Being a school governor is a truly rewarding experience. As a school governor, you give back and make a difference to the young people in the school for which you are a governor.

You take some of the responsibility for how funds are spent, you help to hold the headteacher to account and you support the school with its strategic direction. It's a big responsibility, but you will know that you are truly having an impact on the next generation, supporting them in their educational journey. There aren't many more rewarding causes than that.

## 2. You gain a variety of skills

The [Education and Employers](#) charity organisation conducted a survey to garner the Value of Volunteering. A [report](#) of the same name revealed that there were significant benefits of educational volunteering including, “ improved communication and influencing skills; an improved sense of mission and loyalty at work; and greater staff productivity.”

A [survey](#) conducted by City of London Governor found that volunteering for governorship helped build respondent's self-confidence, wellbeing, job satisfaction, and motivation. But on top of that, they developed their skills in:

- Teamwork
- Negotiation
- Problem-solving
- Business awareness
- Professional skills
- Decision making
- Influencing
- Technical skills

## 3. Being a school governor gives you networking opportunities

Governing boards should be diverse by design and as a result, present a lot of opportunities for networking and meeting new people who have similar values to you.

Through meeting fellow governors, you get the opportunity to get fresh ideas, access new information, get career advice, gain new perspectives and potentially advance your career. There will be a wealth of varied knowledge around the table and being at that table too means you can listen and learn from your fellow governors.

#### **4. Gain knowledge for your school**

If you are employed at another school, you can gain invaluable insight on a governing board about how other school communities run. The potential knowledge you will be given can then be applied to your own school and/or career development.

Insight into Ofsted inspections, finance, the hiring process, catering processes, policy writing: the list could go on and on.

#### **5. Be part of the wider community**

It is very easy to become quite insular when you work in a school because there often aren't enough hours in the day to do the job, let alone take the time to communicate with other schools in the area. Becoming a school governor for another school ring-fences time out that you can spend getting to know another group of educational professionals.

You also get the chance to get to know the wider neighbourhood in which you work. Schools are at the heart of communities and you will get the chance to meet people who care hugely about the future of the children and the area in which they live.