

## **The Role of a Governor**

The role of the school governor is demanding but very rewarding and is a good way to give back to your local community. School governing bodies are responsible for working with the school to ensure that it delivers a good quality education. Together with the headteacher, who is responsible for day-to-day management, they set the school's aims and policies. As part of the The Challenge Academy Trust, Meadowside governors' responsibilities are outlined in the [TCAT Scheme of Delegation](#). Some of the typical roles and responsibilities of a governor are outlined below:

### **Key roles of governors:**

- To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- To hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- To oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

### **They also carry out a number of other important duties, which include:**

- Determining how the school's budget is spent.
- The appointing and dismissing of staff.
- Hearing appeals and grievances.
- Forming policy on the school's curriculum and collective worship.
- Setting standards for pupils' behaviour and discipline.
- Making sure school buildings are welcoming and safe.
- Setting and monitoring the school's aims and policies .

### **Who can be a school governor?**

You don't have to have children at the school to be a governor. However, you do have to be over 18, and pass a formal check for your suitability to be within a school. No specific qualifications are required but there are certain expectations. Contact the school office for more information on

becoming a Governor. What's important is that you have the skills, time and commitment to help drive school improvement and the passion and ambition to achieve the best possible education for children and young people.

[Governor Code of Conduct](#)

## **Contact Information**

**Contact with the governing body can be made through the school office:**

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