



Interested in Becoming a School Governor?

We are looking for parents and community members who can bring energy, ideas and experience of life to support the Longthorpe Local Governing Body. Are you that person?

- ◆ **Make a difference by helping to drive up standards.**
- ◆ **Get to know your community**
- ◆ **Develop your new and existing skills through free training courses**
- ◆ **Improve your knowledge and gain a fascinating insight into the education sector and how policy, curriculum and strategic changes affect children within school**
- ◆ **It's a rewarding challenge**
- ◆ **You don't need any formal qualifications or particular skills**

Governors do need to be able to dedicate some time to their role, typically two governing body meetings a term, as well as being prepared to serve on at least one of the governing body's committees. The local authority provides a training programme to help and support governors in learning about their role and responsibilities.

What does the Governing Body do?

Together with the headteacher, governors set the future direction for the school and decide how the school's budget should be spent.

Governing bodies make decisions collectively on matters such as performance targets, school policies, the school's improvement/ development plan, and the school's staffing structure.

Governors monitor the impact of policies and oversee the use of the school budget. They

report to parents on the school's achievements and respond to inspection recommendations. They hear appeals from pupils and staff and consider complaints.

Governors provide the headteacher with support and advice, drawing on their knowledge and experience. They ask searching questions, but respect the headteacher's position as professional leader of the school.

If you would like more information about becoming a governor please contact the school office on 01733 265959