

Be a governor at East Tilbury Primary School

We are looking for people that are co-operators, who share our values and ethos, and want to have a positive impact on the education of our children.

The good thing is that you don't need previous experience, whatever your background, your skills could help to support the school.



What does a school governor do?

School governors at East Tilbury Primary school consist of parents, staff and members of the local community who volunteer to provide strategic leadership to our school. A strong governing body ensures robust debate, which in turn leads to better educational outcomes for children.

Governors have three key responsibilities, all with the aim of driving school improvement...

1. To provide strategic direction, working with parents, pupils and staff to provide a vision, ethos and strategic direction for our school
2. To hold the Headteacher to account for the performance of the school, its pupils and staff
3. To ensure the finances of the school are managed well

To explain more about school governance, the National Governance Association (NGA) has created a short video....



Who can be a governor?

You don't need to be a parent or education expert to volunteer as a governor. Schools require a combination of hard and soft skills to ensure their boards operate effectively. Whether you're an experienced professional or embarking on the first stages of your career, we'll work hard to match you with an appropriate school. If you're over 18 and willing to devote some of your time to improving educational standards every month, we encourage you to apply.

For more information about official expectations surrounding governance, check out the Department for Education's guidelines for [maintained schools](#), [multi-academy trusts \(MATs\)](#), and [Welsh schools](#). They've also put together a helpful [guide](#) to the different types of governors boards require, some of which require specific skills or credentials.

Who cannot be a school governor at ETP?

You will not be eligible to be a school governor here if...

- You already hold 3 school governor posts (unless there are exceptional circumstances approved by the Department of Education)
- You are adjudged bankrupt or under a composition arrangement with your creditors or you are subject to a Bankruptcy Restrictions Order (BRO)
- You are applying for a post at ETP
- You are applying for a post at ETP and you have a financial interest in the supply of goods or services to the school
- you are disqualified by law from being a company director.
- You have been convicted within the previous 5 years or any time thereafter of any offence with a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than 3 months without the option of a fine, or

- you are disqualified under Article 86 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 from being a trustee of a charity.

What if I haven't had any previous experience?

Don't worry if you haven't had any previous experience, our Trust provides training and support through the [NGA](#) and through the internal central Trust team.

What about the meetings?

All members of the Local Governing Body (LGB) attend full governing body meetings and will meet typically once each half term (alternating between Finance & Premises and Curriculum & Standards), but more often if required. All work of the LGB, whether carried out in committee meetings, by individual governors, or by working parties, will be reported back to the LGB by way of reports (written or verbal) or minutes which will be submitted as papers for the LGB meeting. These meetings are held online, via Microsoft Teams, or sometimes in person at the school.

Our Local Governing Body

As governors, we have high aspirations for our school and, with the support of our Trust, we are proud of the developments made over the last few years. We aim to be an excellent provision for every child in our care so that they are able to achieve their best. As governors, working in partnership with the school and the Trust, we play a key role in achieving this.

Come and join us and help achieve our vision.

Interested?

Have a chat with someone at the school and we'll take you through the next steps:

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