

Could I be a School Governor at Killisick?



Information for potential governors

School governors make a valuable contribution to children's education.

Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment.

Schools need governing boards that have a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience to enable it to be effective. Ofsted has repeatedly noted that the most effective schools demonstrate effective leadership and management - including by the governing board.

There is no requirement for you to have an understanding of the education system, just the necessary skills, character and time to contribute. There is plenty of training available to help you learn about education. Schools need and benefit from a range of professional knowledge on their governing board. As a governor, you will be able to:

- Use your own experience of education and life beyond school to inform conversations
- Develop and utilise your skills in a board-level environment
- Make a valuable contribution to education and your community
- Support and challenge the school so that it improves for pupils and staff
- Bring your unique experiences, perspectives and insights in to decision-making in the interests of the school community

What governors do?

The governing board provides strategic leadership and accountability in schools. It has four key functions:

- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Ensuring the voices of stakeholders are heard

What will be expected of me?

The average time commitment is approximately four hours per month, although it will vary depending on the needs of the school and the role. This includes attending meetings, background reading and school visits. As well as full governing board meetings, there are two sub-committees – Curriculum and Finance. Usually a governor will attend the full governors meeting and one committee meeting per term. Meetings are held in the evening usually starting at 5.00pm.

Every governor is encouraged to take on a link governor role which enables you to become involved in a specific area of school life.

What training and support is available?

There is no requirement for you to have any specific training to be a governor, however we do offer a training package to support you in your role.

How do I become a governor?

We are currently seeking both community and parent governors, if you are interested in joining the governing body please speak to the headteacher or school office.

You will be required to have a DBS check prior to becoming a governor