



# Become a School Governor

with Wickersley Partnership Trust

**DO SOMETHING INSPIRING TODAY - BECOME  
A SCHOOL GOVERNOR. MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
AND DEVELOP YOUR OWN SKILLS!**

Wickersley Partnership Trust consists of a group of thirteen Primary and Secondary schools predominantly in Rotherham. The children and young people it serves are aged from three to eighteen and total almost seven thousand! Each school is supported by its own community based Local Governing Body made up of parents/carers, local community representatives and businesses.

Schools across the country require people to volunteer as Governors on their Local Governing Bodies. Despite the fact that an estimated 250,000 people volunteer in this way each year, there is still a shortage.

So, why not give back and help give children and young people the best start in life, whilst developing your own skills in a way which can benefit your career. We like to think of it as a win-win situation!

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A TEACHER  
TO CHANGE A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE!**

You can make a positive difference to the lives of young people in your local community by becoming a School Governor and helping to drive school improvement. A school's Local Governing Body plays an important role in a school's success, working together as a team to support and challenge senior school leadership and guiding their strategic direction.

School Governors need to reflect and represent the local communities they serve. They also need people with a good blend of knowledge, skills and experience. So, whatever your age or background and wherever you are in your career, you will have a lot to contribute and gain from being a School Governor.

“Staff, parents, pupils and governors have come a long way together since I joined and together with the Governing Body and the support of the Head teacher we are all determined to ensure that our children receive the very best education possible.”

I feel my experience working in education is still being put to use in a very worthwhile voluntary role as a governor. I particularly enjoy visiting the school on a regular basis and working alongside the students, staff, SLT and other members of our governing board is a privilege.

Schools are complex organisations and the skills you gain can help you in your current job and future career.

## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

### This could include:

- Strategic leadership
- Project management
- Influencing and negotiation
- Budget control
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Problem solving

## WHAT'S THE COMMITMENT?

You will need to attend half-termly meetings, typically outside of school hours, and do the necessary preparatory reading. The time commitment is in the region of 2-3 hours a month depending on the school or additional responsibilities you take on.

The Trust has an extensive programme of support with regular, bespoke training sessions, Governor network meetings, extensive Governor online resources, an annual WPT Governor's conference AND additional training opportunities through Learners First Partnership - all free of charge.

We aim to send all young people into an ever-changing world able and qualified to play their full part in it.

## USEFUL LINKS

[VIDEO - A volunteer talks about the role of Governor](#)

[CASE STUDIES - Inspiring Governance](#)

As a governor I have been able to access training courses that have not only supported me in school governance but also personally and professionally. I have gained in confidence through chairing meetings, and have the joy of attending school concerts and events.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION FORM

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