

LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPLICATION FORM

Please complete both pages of this application form and submit it to the Governor Support Service by email to governor.support@derbyshire.gov.uk or by post to John Hadfield House, Dale Road, Matlock DE4 3RD.

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Name		Email address	
Address		Phone number(s)	

I am currently the local authority governor and am applying for re-nomination at (please insert school name):

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OR I am interested in governor vacancies in any of the following areas/types of school (please tick all that apply):

Amber Valley		Nursery (3 – 5 years)	
Bolsover		Infant (5 – 7 years)	
Chesterfield		Junior (7 -11 years)	
Derbyshire Dales		Primary (5 – 11 years)	
Erewash		Secondary (11+ years)	
High Peak		Special	
North East Derbyshire		My preferred school is (please state)	
South Derbyshire			
Radius from home in miles			

The Governor Support Service will contact you when a vacancy has been identified which matches your stated preferences. You may be asked to provide additional information about specific skills or experience ideally required by the governing board for that vacancy. The Governor Support Service will seek nomination by the Local Authority. Once nominated, you will be contacted by the governing board with a view to their appointing you. Please contact Governor Support if you have any queries: governor.support@derbyshire.gov.uk or visit the following website for more information: http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/school_governors/default.asp.

If no suitable vacancies arise in the near future your name will remain on a list of potential governors unless you ask for it to be removed. The Governor Support Service may contact you from time to time to confirm that you are still interested.

What is the role of a local authority governor?

Governing boards include representatives of school staff, the local authority, parents and members of the community. Despite representing different groups, all governors have exactly the same role and voting rights. Some categories of governors are elected by the groups they represent and others are appointed by the governing board. Local authority governors are nominated by the Local Authority and appointed by the governing board, according to criteria set by the governing board.

All governors contribute to the work of the governing board in raising standards of achievement for all pupils. This involves:

- a) Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- b) Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- c) Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governors are volunteers who need a strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children, the inquisitiveness to question and analyse, and the willingness to learn. Governors must govern in the best interest of pupils. Governors do not manage a school day-to-day, but are required to oversee its long-term development. The average time commitment is 10-15 hours per term. This includes meetings, background reading and school visits. School governors are like magistrates or members of a jury and therefore have a right to reasonable time off work for their public duties (this may be unpaid). Check with your H.R. department for your company's policy. Governors need good interpersonal skills, appropriate levels of literacy in English (unless a board is prepared to make special arrangements), and sufficient numeracy skills to understand basic data.

Please indicate which of the following experiences, skills and other attributes you would bring to the role:

(Please tick all that apply)

Commitment to improving education for all pupils		Ability to analyse data	
Ability to work in a professional manner as part of a team and take collective responsibility for decisions		Ability to question and challenge	
Willingness to learn		Experience of project management	
Basic literacy and numeracy skills		Performance management/appraisal of someone else	
Basic IT skills (i.e. word processing and email)		Financial planning/management (e.g. as part of your job)	
Previous experience of being a board member in another sector or school		Experience of procurement/purchasing	
Experience of chairing a board/governing board or committee		Experience of premises and facilities management	
Experience of professional leadership		Links with community	
Understanding and experience of strategic planning		Links with local business	
Change management (i.e. overseeing a merger or an organisational restructure, changing careers)		Knowledge of the local/regional economy	
Communication skills, including being able to discuss sensitive issues tactfully		Working or volunteering with young people	
		Understanding of current education policy	
		Understanding of special educational needs	

Why I am interested in being a local authority governor and what I can bring to the role:

(Please include further details of the experiences, skills and attributes ticked above. These could include professional expertise, community involvement, voluntary work etc.)

Please continue on separate sheet if required.

I have read the circumstances in which a person is qualified for or disqualified from holding office as a governor, as set out in The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 and sent to me with this form, and confirm that I am not disqualified. I agree to the information provided in this application form being disclosed to the governing board of the school where I am applying to be the local authority governor.

Signature		Date	
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County Councillor nomination

I nominate the applicant to be the local authority governor at

Name		Division	
Signature		Date	

MONITORING FORM

As we monitor our governor recruitment procedures, we should be grateful if you would complete the form below. Completion of this form is not compulsory.

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Ethnicity

- White British
- White Irish
- Other White Background
- White + Black Caribbean
- White + Black African
- White + Asian
- Other Mixed Background
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Other Asian Background
- Black Caribbean
- Black African
- Other Black Background
- Chinese
- Any Other or not known

Disability

Do you have a long term illness, health problem or disability that limits your day to day activities?

- Yes
- No

Age

- 18 - 20
- 21 - 29
- 30 - 39
- 40 - 49
- 50 - 59
- 60+

Media Source

Please indicate where you saw an advert for governor recruitment

Gender

- Male
- Female

Thank you for completing this form