



## HENRY BRADLEY NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL

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*Reach for the Stars*

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# Become a school governor

Volunteering to be a school governor or trustee is an excellent opportunity for personal development and a great way to support children and young people in your local community. Join our school and help to shape the future for our children.

## Personal development

The skills you gain by volunteering to be a school governor have direct relevance to employers. Volunteers are able to develop many professional and personal skills.

These include:

- strategic leadership
- project management
- budget control
- data analysis
- recruitment
- building relationships and networks
- effective team working
- communication
- problem solving
- influencing/negotiation

## Who can become a school governor?

School governing boards need people from different backgrounds with a wide range of professional and personal skills to drive school improvement. There are no particular qualifications required and anyone over 18 years of age can become a governor or trustee provided they have a willingness to learn, have time to give to the role and a capacity to work with people.

## Responsibilities of school governors

The governing board plays a critical role in a school's success and the success of its students. School governors are responsible for providing clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction. They recruit Headteachers and hold them to account for the performance of the school and its pupils. And they make sure public money is well spent.

## Commitment

As a school governor or trustee, you will be expected to attend meetings, participate in committees that support the governing board and do the necessary preparatory reading. Meetings are typically held in the late afternoon or early evening, although occasionally you may be invited into school for visits or events during the day.

The time commitment is normally about 5-8 hours a month, depending on the type of school and any additional responsibilities you want to take on. All appointments are subject to an enhanced criminal record check, which will be carried out by the school or trust before you take up your role.

Being a school governor  
is an incredibly important role that  
makes a difference to the lives of  
children, young people, and the  
local community.  
Emma Knights, Chief Executive,  
National Governance Association

Interested? Contact us!