



Becoming a School Governor at Howe Dell

What does being a School Governor involve?

As a governor you will be part of a corporate body known as the Governing Board. The role of the governing board is critical to the effectiveness of the school or academy.

Governors come from every walk of life and there is no requirement for you to have an educational background. The exact role in any school or academy will depend on the institution's circumstances (e.g. its size, outcome of a recent Ofsted inspection) but will always contribute to the over-arching work of the governing body and link to the main focus of school or academy improvement, thus ensuring the children and young people are able to achieve to the best of their ability, in a safe environment.

So what would I have to do?

- Commit to attend meetings (full governing board and committees)
- Attend training
- Visits to the school or academy during the day
- Work as a team

Is training available?

A day's Governor Induction is run by the Governance Team and is recommended in the first 3 months of your new term of office. Safeguarding Children for Governors training is also recommended in the first 6 months, as the welfare and safety of our children is paramount. Please check with your Chair of Governors or governor who oversees training for details of booking on. Once your governor term is confirmed, you will receive monthly emails with details of training courses on offer.

How do I make enquiries about becoming a governor?

If you are interested in becoming a governor please complete the application form and email to admin@howedell.herts.sch.uk . **Please note if you are a parent of a child at Howe Dell and would like to join the governing board the school will directly publish information via School Comms and newsletter regarding any vacancies.**