



ALL HOUNSLOW CHILDREN DESERVE THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION

People like you can help them get it

People like you become school
governors!



London Borough
of Hounslow

Code of Conduct

- We play together sensibly and look after each other.
 - We allow other children to play their own games.
- We are polite and show respect to everyone.
- only call each other by our real names.
- take care of our playground and equipment.



What happens in schools affects everyone - so why don't you get involved?

Almost anyone with an interest in education can become a governor, you don't need to have any special knowledge.

School governing bodies are made up of school staff and parents but also volunteers drawn from the school or wider community who can be appointed in a variety of ways, by the governing body, by the Local Authority and for voluntary aided schools by the church organisations such as parish councils or Diocesan Boards.

Governors are there to offer the benefit of their own varied background, skills, knowledge experiences and interests basically they are there to give an outside view.

Hounslow is a richly diverse community and the Local Authority would like to encourage people from all backgrounds to get involved and play a part in helping our schools develop and succeed.

Good team work is essential. Governors must be willing to express their thoughts and opinions but also they must be willing to listen, consider and take on other viewpoints and then abide by a majority decision.



What do governors do?

Governors are volunteers who spend about 3-6 hours a month, reading papers, meeting with school staff and other governors, visiting the school to observe lessons and activities, working together for the benefit of the school and its community.

Together with the Headteacher they set the future direction for the school, its aims and targets. They agree how the school budget should best be spent to help achieve their aims and ensure best value from the money is achieved.

Governors monitor the impact of school policies and budget decisions.

They actively seek the views of pupils, parents and staff and take account and respond to these. Occasionally this can mean hearing complaints from parents and school staff and considering these fairly and objectively.

Governors provide the Headteacher with support and advice drawing on their own skills knowledge and experience. They are expected to ask searching questions of the Headteacher and (where appropriate) the wider School Leadership Team, but must at all times respect the Headteacher's professional judgement as leader of the school. The Headteacher is responsible for the day to day running of the school, and not the Governing Body.

Governors can be involved in appointing the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher and sometimes other school staff.





There is plenty of support and advice available to help you in your role. Hounslow has a dedicated school governors support team to help you. All new governors are offered a comprehensive induction and training programme, and serving governors are able to partake of refresher or in-service training covering new policy initiatives or changes.



Additional help and advice is also available to them from a number of other national school governor organisations such as the National Governors Association (NGA) .

Being a governor can give you an opportunity to use the skills you have to the benefit of our children but it can also give you a chance to learn and develop new skills which might help you in your own career development.

If you can volunteer some of your spare time,
or just want to find out more information, then
contact Governing Bodies Support.

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Or go to www.hounslow.gov.uk/schoolgovernors
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