#### Who can become a governor?

Almost anyone over 18 years of age can become a governor. There are no specific qualifications or requirements, other than a willingness to give time to the role and a capacity for working with other people.

There are different types of state schools in England with different categories of governors. Boreham is currently a community school. If you become a governor, the category of governor you become depends on your situation; however, all governors have the same roles and responsibilities once part of the governing board.

## How do I become a governor?

If you think you have what it takes to be a school governor, there are a number of ways of finding schools that have vacancies:

- You can contact your local school to ask if they need a new governor;
- You can contact your local council;
- You can use the Inspiring Governance website.

Email: admin@boreham.essex.sch.uk. Tel: (01245) 467625

School governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education.











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# **Being a School Governor!**

Being a school governor is a very rewarding role. It is an opportunity for an individual to put something back into the community and make a difference.

All governors are volunteers and can be parents; grandparents; carers with children at the school; members of the school staff; people living in the village; members of the local church or business community; or representatives from the Local Authority.

# What does the Governing Body do?

The governing body works with the head teacher and the staff to make sure that the school provides good quality education for all pupils. It strives to support the improvement in both the teaching and learning environment to ensure that everyone at Boreham is:

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#### What role does the Governing Body play?



Governors are part of a team who listen, think through new ideas and, in consultation with the headteacher and senior staff, decide what will deliver good quality education across the school.

Governors are expected to visit the school regularly, and, as they learn more about the school, have the confidence to ask questions and fairly challenge issues where there may be a lack of clarity.

## What is the Governing Body responsible for?

Governors are responsible for:

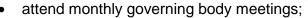
- setting and monitoring the delivery of the school's values, aims and policies:
- ensuring the school complies with all statutory requirements, especially in respect of safeguarding, recruitment, attendance and finance;
- deciding how the school's budget should be spent and ensuring good value for money;
- making sure the curriculum provides for, and challenges, all pupils;
- making sure the school buildings are welcoming, safe and well-used;
- appointing senior staff and making sure a whole school performance management structure is in place with appropriate career development opportunities.





How does the Governing Body operate?

A governor's term of office is normally four years. During their time in office they are expected to:



 read through, discuss and sign off all relevant papers pertaining to the management of the school (all governors operate under a strict policy of confidentiality);

- undertake regular visits to the school linked to school priorities;
- attend school events such as concerts, church services, sports days etc.

# What training does a Governor undertake?

All governors attend induction training run by Essex Governor Services and receive a welcome pack to help them understand their role.

Governors are then expected to undertake further training by attending courses which build upon their own experience and provide an opportunity to learn new skills. They attend appropriate in-house training sessions such as safeguarding, attend school improvement planning days and may be invited along to staff meetings or school assemblies.