

Being an NSAT Parent Governor

“As a parent governor, I feel able to express my views and support the school in achieving their vision and goals. It is important to have a different perspective and feel able to challenge the school in pushing themselves to be the best they can be”.

- NSAT Parent Governor

What do governors do?

Thank you for your interest in being a parent governor. Governors support the **strategic** leadership in our schools, holding senior leaders to account, ensuring educational provision is high quality and making sure school money is well spent. As a result, being a governor can be demanding, but also very rewarding. Governors are **not** responsible for the day-to-day management and operations of the school.

Whilst parent governors provide their perspective as parents during governing body meetings, they don't speak for all parents and are not expected to canvas for parent opinions between meetings. The discussions that take place during governing body meetings are confidential and should be treated as such.

What would I be expected to do?

Parent governors serve a **4-year** term of office. The minimum expectation is that you will attend an average of **six governing body meetings per year**. There may be additional meetings where required. Meetings are usually held outside school hours, lasting approximately 2 hours each. We can help you access meetings electronically, if required.

In addition to attending meetings, you will need to:

- Read reports and papers that you are sent, and be prepared to ask questions about them
- Keep up to date with the progress that the school is making, and
- If you are able to commit the time – take on a ‘link’ role where you will work with staff members to learn about specific aspects of school life.

You will be asked to sign a Code of Conduct emphasising the importance of maintaining confidentiality, and have:

- A strong commitment to the role and improving outcomes for children
- The inquisitiveness to question and analyse
- A passion for learning and self-development

Publication of Governor Details

The academy trust that the school is part of (NSAT) is required to publish information about its governors on its website/that of each school. The published information includes, as a minimum:

- Name of governor
- Category of governor (e.g. parent)
- Appointing body (e.g. elected by parents)
- Term of office
- Positions of responsibility such as chair or vice-chair of the Local Governing Body

NSAT must also provide information about its governors to the Secretary of State through the Get information About Schools (GIAS) system. On appointment, the details above would be published on GIAS. For further information on how NSAT processes pupil and parent data, see the [Privacy Notice for Pupils and Parents](#).

We use an online system called 'GovernorHub' to circulate and store meeting notices and paperwork. Your name, role and school email address (set up when you become a governor) will be added to GovernorHub for the administration of meetings only.

Register of Interests

NSAT is under a duty to publish on its website a register of interests. The register sets out the relevant business interests of governors. The register also sets out any relationships between governors and members of school staff including spouses, partners and relatives. You will be asked to declare any relevant interests on appointment, and these would be included on the published register.