

Calling you: why become a school governor?



Methodist Schools

Methodist Schools can be found all over the country. Some are small (fewer than 100 children), some are large (more than 1,000 children), some are under Local Authority control, some are jointly founded with the Church of England, some are Academies and some are Independent Schools.

Methodist Schools all have a number of things in common:

- Foundations that reflect their roots in the Methodist Church
- A need for governors that understand the basic beliefs of the Church. And can make these relevant in the daily operation and management of the schools
- A need for governors who are prepared to volunteer their professional expertise in order to assist the Head and the staff make the school experience the best it can be for students and staff alike
- They face financial pressures in state, academy and independent sectors, and need wise counsel and decision-making

To find out more:

Visit the Methodist Schools website or contact the Schools Office.

What will being a governor involve?

- Attending governor meetings and contributing to sub-committees
- Getting to know the school, its people, its strengths and weaknesses
- Giving time not only in meetings or at school events but also in thinking about the challenges the school faces and how you can best help the school rise to these challenges
- Attending training and advisory events to help you in your governance role

But I am not an expert in education?

An interest in how education improves lives and life chances is much more important. Schools have access to plenty of advice from education experts but also need people who understand:

- People - human resources
- Finance - cash resources
- Buildings - site resources
- Faith - spiritual resources



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