



## Would you like to be a **SCHOOL GOVERNOR?**

**Every school is managed by a Board of Governors. Volunteer now to be a school governor and make a difference to education in your local community.**

### *Who can be a school governor?*

- You must be over 18 to be a school governor. No formal qualifications are needed.
- Governors are volunteers from all backgrounds. Use your skills and experience to enable children to have the best possible education.
- An effective Board of Governors has people from different backgrounds with a mix of skills and experience.
- Governors do not need to be education experts – your skills and experience from your personal and professional life can add value to a school.

### *What makes a good governor?*

- Important qualities for being a school governor are enthusiasm, commitment, the ability to work in a team and a desire to help ensure that children get the best possible education.
- Governors need a strong commitment to the role and to improving educational outcomes for children and young people.
- A willingness to listen, to learn and to undertake training.

### *Where can I get further information?*

Application forms are available online at [www.education-ni.gov.uk/articles/school-governor-appointments](http://www.education-ni.gov.uk/articles/school-governor-appointments) or at [www.eani.org.uk/school-governor-applications](http://www.eani.org.uk/school-governor-applications)

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