

## How can we help you?

The Governance Consultancy team at Four S - the service which supports Surrey Schools - provides advice and development opportunities for individual governors and whole governing bodies.

All new governors are encouraged to attend Induction Training courses to develop an understanding of the governors' role. These courses run throughout the school year at various locations across the county.

Most schools will have appointed a Link Governor who co-ordinates training and development for governors and they will make new governors feel welcome and ensure that they are made aware of the training opportunities that exist.



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If you are interested in becoming a governor or finding out more about the role, please contact the Four S Governance Consultancy Team :

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## Be a Surrey School Governor



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## Why do Surrey Schools need Governors?

There are over 6300 governor posts in Surrey's 407 maintained schools. With most governors serving a four-year term of office, there are always vacancies in our schools.

In Surrey we have many highly successful schools benefiting from some of the best teachers and learning support staff.

Our children deserve the best and good governors in our schools will help deliver this.

## What does it take to be a governor?

To be a governor in a Surrey school you do not need any special qualifications. All that is needed are the qualities of:

- **Caring about improving children's education**

*and*

- **Wanting to make a contribution within your local community.**

## What contributions do governors make in schools?

Being a school governor is about making a difference. Governors can help schools in the challenge to constantly drive standards still higher. They do this by:

- Agreeing the aims and objectives for the school
- Understanding the strengths and weaknesses of the school
- Agreeing the school's budget each year
- Agreeing targets for pupil achievement
- Reviewing performance
- Ensuring accountability for the school to parents and the community
- Participating in staff appointments.

The role of the school governor is to bring the experience, life skills and ordinary common sense of *non-experts*, to the expert task of running a school.



These are only some of the many aspects of the governor's role. It is a rewarding role where individuals can develop and build on their own strengths and experiences, learn new skills and best of all use them to benefit Surrey school children.



Current educational law enshrines the principle that parents, teachers, support staff, local business people and other members of the school's wider community, can have a real impact on improving standards of achievement in schools. The same laws also recognise that these same stakeholders have a right to a say in the major decisions that affect our schools.