

Join our Governing Body at Westrop Primary School

Our School is at an exciting point in its development and growth, with new opportunities for the Governing Body to address in conjunction with the School leadership team. We would love to talk with prospective new members.

What do Governors do?

We undertake three roles:

- Provide a broad, long term and strategic view of the School's development
- Act as a critical and supportive friend to the School and its leadership team
- Ensure accountability for performance, financial and regulatory matters

Do I need specific qualifications?

There are no special qualifications for governors. Swindon Governor Support Services provides excellent training courses to get us started and keep us up to date. You'll need to work as part of a team, and be prepared to accept responsibility. You'll also need to ask questions, listen, learn and challenge in a supportive way.

Some people bring skills (e.g. financial planning or personnel management) but **the key thing is that you have a lively interest in education and a desire to help the School excel for its pupils.**

What would I need to contribute?

- Time (most governors spend an average of five to six hours per month for meetings, reading documents, visiting the School and attending training)
- Commitment to the School and Governors' responsibilities
- Any experience and skills from other work environments
- A willingness to learn
- A listening ear and an enquiring mind
- An ability to assimilate information, make judgements and take decisions
- Flexibility and tact
- Team-work

What might I gain from it?

- A sense of purpose and achievement from helping the School and its pupils
- An insight into current education issues
- New skills and management experience which may be useful elsewhere
- The satisfaction of contributing to the local community
- Training and support in order to help with duties and responsibilities

For more information see:

<http://www.swindon.gov.uk/schoolyearsgovernorsprospective>

If you are interested, please contact Janet Urban (Headteacher) on 762897 or Pete Rose (Chair of Governors) on 07775 733079