



## WHAT DO LOCAL GOVERNORS DO?

### The role of the local governing body

The local governing body is responsible for providing confident, strategic school leadership and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's Catholic character and educational and financial performance. School governors do not get involved in the operational and day-to-day life of a school. This is the role of the headteacher and school staff.

Click [here](#) for more information about our local governing body. Click [here](#) for information about governance of the Saint John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust of which we are a part.

### The role of a local governor

As a local governor, you will work with the local governing body to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above.

You don't need to be an education expert to volunteer as a school governor. Schools require a combination of hard and soft skills to ensure their local governing bodies operate effectively. You should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for pupils
- Good interpersonal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills

### Expectations of local governors

Local governors usually serve for a four-year term of office and are expected to:

- Be qualified to hold office (see section 6.6 of the Scheme of Delegation [here](#))
- Attend two local governing body meetings a term. These are usually held at 5.30pm and last approximately two hours. It is possible to attend meetings remotely but governors should attend some meetings in person.
- Attend sub-committee meetings if appointed to serve on a sub-committee.
- Act professionally and abide by agreed governance procedures and policies (code of conduct, conflicts of interest, data safety, governor school visits).
- Abide by school policies and policies agreed by the Trust
- Attend an induction and regular relevant training and development events
- Visit the school when asked to do so as part of an agreed programme

### How to apply

If you're interested in applying for the role or you would like further information, please email [office@stjosephsschool.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephsschool.org.uk).