



st. Wilfrid's
Catholic High School and Sixth Form College, a Voluntary Academy

BECOME A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

School governors play a key role in raising school standards and monitoring performance. They hold senior leadership to account and make important decisions covering issues such as policymaking, site management, the school's budget and the curriculum. Governors support the school in a variety of ways in addition to attending Academy Council meetings. It is a very important and rewarding role!

Being a governor is an enormously challenging and rewarding opportunity. The personal benefits can be summarised as:

- A sense of satisfaction through knowing children will benefit from your efforts.
- The opportunity to develop new skills and to strengthen existing ones.
- The opportunity to work with people from a variety of social, cultural and religious backgrounds.
- The opportunity to gain understanding in key areas such as safeguarding, finance, personnel, and strategic planning.
- The opportunity to gain awareness of the education system as a whole.

What commitment is required?

- Accepting office as a Foundation Governor involves the commitment of time and energy;
- There is a need to actively be involved in the work of the Academy Council, and accept a fair share of responsibilities, including service on committees and/or working groups, interview and exclusion panels;
- Every effort should be made to attend all meetings;
- There is a need to get to know the school well and respond to opportunities to be involved in school activities;
- Visiting the school is important in order to monitor and understand the work taking place in school.

Training and support is available for new and existing governors and is free of charge. There would be an expectation for governors to attend training to develop their skills to support the work of the Academy Council.

School Governors serve for a four-year term of office. However, should your circumstances change, as a volunteer, you can resign at any time.

The average time commitment could be 20-25 hours per term (3 terms per year). This includes meetings, interview panels, background reading and school visits.

Find out more about school governors at www.becomeagovernor.com

Interested? Ask at school reception for details and a nomination form or contact Jenny Doherty: jdo@st-wilfrids.bkcat.co.uk

