



Join Our Governing Body

Type of governor: Parent

Term of office: 4 years

Time commitment: 4-6 hours per term

Closing date: 20.10.2026

Parent Vote: 10.11.2026

Start date: 23.11.2026

Our governing body plays an important role in setting the strategic direction of the school, holding school leaders to account and ensuring that the school's resources are used effectively.

About the Role

We are looking to appoint a committed and enthusiastic **school governor** to join our governing body.

Governors work collectively as part of the governing body and are not responsible for the day-to-day management of the school. The role involves providing **strategic leadership and accountability**, working constructively with the Headteacher and senior leaders, and helping the school to continually improve.

The successful candidate will contribute to the governing body's work in areas such as:

- Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Monitoring educational standards and pupil outcomes.
- Holding school leaders to account for school improvement.
- Ensuring effective use of the school's finances and resources.
- Promoting safeguarding and the welfare of pupils.
- Supporting equality, inclusion and the needs of all pupils.
- Monitoring the school's policies and statutory responsibilities.
- Participating in governing body and committee meetings.
- Visiting the school where appropriate and developing an understanding of its work.
- Contributing to discussions and decision-making as a member of the governing body.

What We Are Looking For

You do **not** need to have previous experience as a governor. We welcome applications from people who are enthusiastic about education and want to make a positive contribution to our school and local community.

We are particularly interested in candidates who can bring skills, experience or knowledge in one or more of the following areas:

- Finance and budgeting
- Education or school improvement
- Safeguarding
- Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- HR and employment
- Legal or compliance matters



- Data analysis
- Digital technology / IT
- Premises, estates or health and safety
- Community engagement
- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Marketing, communications or public relations
- Fundraising or business experience

Above all, we are looking for someone who:

- Is committed to improving outcomes for children and young people.
- Can work effectively as part of a team.
- Is willing to ask questions, listen and constructively challenge.
- Can consider evidence and make objective decisions.
- Can maintain confidentiality.
- Is able to commit the necessary time to the role.
- Supports the school's values and ethos.

Time Commitment

Governors should expect to attend 7 meetings throughout the year (1 per half-term plus the AGM). There may be additional times that a governor is needed for panel hearings and extraordinary meetings.

There may also be opportunities to attend training, school events and visits to the school.

The overall time commitment is approximately **4-6 hours per term**, although this may vary depending on the governor's responsibilities and committee membership.

Governor training and development opportunities will be provided.

Eligibility and Checks

Appointment is subject to the relevant eligibility requirements and statutory checks applicable to school governors.

The successful candidate will be required to complete the appropriate **Declaration of Eligibility** and **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)** checks, where required.

Governors must comply with the governing body's **code of conduct**, including requirements relating to confidentiality and declaration of interests.

What We Can Offer

As a governor, you will have the opportunity to:

- Make a meaningful contribution to children's education.
- Support the strategic development of our school.
- Work alongside governors, school leaders, staff, parents and the wider community.



- Develop your knowledge and skills through governor training.
- Gain valuable experience in strategic leadership and governance.

How to Apply

If you are interested in becoming a governor, please contact:

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School Business Manager

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Please submit:

1. A brief statement explaining why you are interested in becoming a governor.
2. Details of relevant skills, knowledge or experience you could bring to the governing body.
3. Details of any previous governance, voluntary or community experience, if applicable.

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Parental Election to select the successful governors: 10.11.2026.

Equality and Inclusion

Ripponden J&I School is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion. We welcome applications from all sections of our community and are committed to ensuring that our governing body reflects the diversity of the pupils and community we serve.

We encourage applications from individuals who can bring different perspectives, experiences and skills to our governing body.

We look forward to hearing from you.