



# What's involved in becoming a Governor?

## A strategic and critical role within the school and community

Being a school Governor is hugely rewarding. It gives you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back, and develop your board-level skills. You'll also be part of the UK's largest volunteer network.

The three core functions of a Governing Body are to:

1. Ensure clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction of the school.
2. Oversee the school's financial performance and make sure money is well spent.
3. Hold the Headteacher to account for educational performance (school and pupils).

## Is it your time to govern?

Holymead opened in April 2013 following the merger of Holymead Infant and Holymead Junior Schools. The school has been rated 'Good' at its most recent Ofsted inspection and we're now looking for people who have a combination of relevant skills in order to strengthen the collective skills of the current Board of Governors. We are always open to conversations about becoming a governor and at the present time are particularly interested in individuals who have experience in finance.

Governors do not need any formal qualifications but must be aged 18 years and over. Previous school governor experience is not essential, and all Governors will have access to training and ongoing support provided by the **Bristol Governor Development Service (GDS)**.

## What's involved?

The role of a Governor is a challenging one and requires real commitment. Our full Governing Body meets for 2 hours 6 times a year, usually in person, but more and more so by Zoom. There are also three committees, which also meet 6 times a year: **Curriculum, Standards & Inclusion (CS&I)**; **Health, Safety & Wellbeing (HS&W)**; and **Finance & Staffing (F&S)**. Governors will be a member of at least one committee and also be appointed an additional link role in a specific area which aligns with the strategic aims (the school improvement plan).

There's also lots of reading that comes along with a Governor role and school visits are warmly encouraged but not mandatory.

## Would you like to know more?

To find out more about becoming a Governor at Holymead, please get in touch with **Cheryl Douglass, Chair of Governors**: [Office@holymeadprimary.co.uk](mailto:Office@holymeadprimary.co.uk). Informal enquires and any questions are very welcome and you can find additional information from the [NGA \(National Governance Association\)](#) and [Bristol City Council](#).