

Your school needs you!

I saw a similar advert 23 years ago. I was on maternity leave having spent 8 years working in industry. To be honest I knew very little about schools other than I had loved my time in education. My daughter was 4 months old so I didn't even have an insight as a parent. Yet I felt that I had transferable skills and having recently moved from the North-West felt it was an opportunity to immerse myself in my local community and so I put myself forward.

I served as Governor in that same local school for 17 years only stepping down when I became Headteacher of Aston Rowant School. During that time I worked with some incredible people, learnt new diverse skills, saw the school transformed in numerous ways and was inspired to retrain to become a teacher myself.

Now Aston Rowant School is looking to expand our team of Governors.

School governors come from all walks of life and professional sectors. Regardless of your background or age you have skills and lived experience that may be beneficial for your local school. Moving the school forward does not happen in isolation. It happens with the headteacher and the governors, with different skill sets, work together for a common purpose.

Become a governor because you fundamentally care about the community and the children that are coming up into our future. Additionally, being a school governor fosters a deep sense of community involvement, allowing you to give back to your community and make a positive impact on the next generation of students.

Being a school governor provides extensive networking opportunities. You work closely with other school governors, school staff, parents, and local authorities, building strong relationships and expanding your professional network. These connections can open doors to new career opportunities, provide valuable references, and offer support and advice for your career development. Finally, the role of a school governor is in itself rewarding. Knowing that your efforts contribute to the success and well-being of students provides a profound sense of fulfilment. This sense of purpose can be a powerful motivator and a source of personal satisfaction.

So at the start of this new year as you form your plans for the year ahead or look for new challenges - can I encourage you to consider whether this opportunity may be for you or maybe someone you know?