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## Background

Being a school governor at York Road is really rewarding! As a volunteer you can use your skills to ensure the effectiveness of our school and help every child reach their potential by working with us to set the strategic direction of the school, provide support and challenge to school leadership and ensure financial probity.

## Governor Roles

We are seeking up to three governors to join the York Road Governing Board. Please see the governor role description for further details. Some of our governors have specific roles and as part of this recruitment we hope to appoint a vice-chair and an individual who will lead on the governing board's health and safety responsibilities.

**Governor (parent/co-opted):** No previous school governor experience required; however, we are looking for individuals with a natural curiosity who complement our existing governing board and have the skills listed in the role description. We are particularly interested to hear from anyone with experience in financial management.

**Vice-chair:** You will already have experience of being a school governor and have the time (approx. 10-12 hours per month) to commit to supporting the school and the chair.

**Health and Safety link-governor or Health and Safety associate member:** You will have an interest or experience in health and safety.

## Commitment

On average, to do the job well, the total commitment over a month is 6-8 hours. The full governing body meets once each term; meetings last approximately 2 hours. You will also sit on one of our sub-committees (termly meetings) and do a school visit every term (subject to Covid restrictions). Outside of this there will be preparation for the meetings/visits and training and if you take on a specific responsibility (e.g. link-governor role) this will need time for this too.

In return we are committed to supporting you. We are currently revamping our governor induction process - you'll get to test out the 'new' version first-hand - and in addition to what we offer you as a school, you will have access to governor training/ materials through [Herts for Learning](#). Our school is also signed up to the National Governor Association, a valuable resource for all governors.

## How to apply

If you are interested in becoming a governor at York Road it would be great to hear from you.

To apply please write a short (no more than 200 words) statement describing why you would like to become a governor at York Road and the experience you have. **The deadline to apply is 30th June 2021.**

After the closing date we will arrange a time for you to discuss your application with the chair of governors and one other member of the governing board. Your statement and feedback from the governors will be considered by the full governing board.

If you have any questions or would like to have a chat with the chair of governors about becoming a governor please contact us [elaine.phillips@clerks.hertsforlearning.co.uk](mailto:elaine.phillips@clerks.hertsforlearning.co.uk)

**Please send your statement to [elaine.phillips@clerks.hertsforlearning.co.uk](mailto:elaine.phillips@clerks.hertsforlearning.co.uk) by 30th June 2021**