

Is it for me?

If you can answer yes to the following questions and you live in the area, then you could well have what it takes to be a School Governance Committee member and help make a difference to our children's future.

- Do you want to put something back into your local community?
- Are you prepared to work as part of a team?
- Do you have time to get to know your school, to go to meetings and read papers?
- Are you comfortable asking questions?
- Are you open to new ideas and ready to learn?
- Do you want children to get the best from school?

It helps to be a good listener as you will stand a much better chance of understanding how your school works.

In the UK, school governors - people like you - are helping staff and headteachers ensure our children get the best from their school.

Schools are changing - and so are School Governance Committees. The Government is committed to raising educational standards in the classroom, and to increasing the role of parents and the local community.

Volunteers are needed to help all our children reach their full potential.



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SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES

Every SCE school has a School Governance Committee (SGC). SGCs have the full backing and support of the Adjutant General and myself as, amongst other things, they play an increasingly important role in monitoring and supporting the work of the school and in particular the work of the headteacher.

SCE schools are keen to attract people in the community who can bring energy, experience and fresh ideas. Those who would make very good members of the School Governance Committee (SGC) might be put off because they think they need to be an expert.

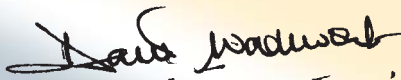
Not so - interest, enthusiasm and commitment are much more important.

As with governors in the UK, members of the SGC bring a wealth of experience and interests from many walks of life.

SGC members work closely with the school and HQ SCE to help make good decisions and secure the best possible education for the children.

If you've never thought of putting yourself forward, but believe schools should give children the best start, please contact your local school.

Thank you



David G. Wadsworth
Chief Executive

There are lots of ways in which you can donate expertise to your child's school, but one of the most important and responsible is becoming a member of the School Governance Committee.

What do School Governance Committees (SGC) do?

The SGC is a team of people who work closely with the Headteacher to help make key decisions vital to the successful running of the school. The SGC contributes to decisions that directly affect the education and well-being of the children. It plays an important role in improving standards throughout the school and in monitoring the school's budget. In other words, it's a very meaningful role!

How do I volunteer to join the SGC?

SGC members do not need to be parents, know about education or be particular types of people. Whatever your status within the military or civilian community you can make a valuable contribution to the running of the school. You will be able to offer your enthusiasm and commitment and if you are a parent, you'll understand other parents' concerns. People with business and management experience, or a host of other skills, can also offer extremely helpful expertise to the school.

What will I get out of it?

Being a member of the School Governance Committee can be a rewarding experience. You'll be playing an important part in improving the children's education and supporting the school's staff - and giving a lot to the school and the community usually means you'll get a lot back. It is also an opportunity to develop new skills or practise existing ones that can help you in your day job, like chairing meetings, putting forward suggestions and asking the right questions,

speaking in public, helping to appoint staff, and helping other members who are new to the job or have less experience of committee work.

How much time does it take?

The time that SGC members are able to give to the role varies but there are certain things they must be in a position to do, so be aware:

- the SGC must meet at least once a term
- SGC members are sometimes asked to serve on a sub-committee which might meet more often
- meetings are sometimes held during the working day and sometimes during the evening
- SGC members will need to prepare for meetings and there can be some papers to read
- the SGC will receive training to help it work well in the unique Service environment – so you need to be prepared to attend at least one training session.

If you think you have something to offer, please contact your local SCE school.

