



Foundation Governor in the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

**Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time?
If so, becoming a Foundation Governor could be just the thing for you.**

Foundation Governors play an important part in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of a school.

The main role of a Governing Board is to operate at a strategic level,

- *ensuring that the Catholic vision and character of the school is upheld,*
- *holding the head teacher and leadership team to account and*
- *overseeing the financial performance of the school.*

Governors set the budget, manage the school's admissions criteria and are involved in the recruitment of senior leadership.

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop specifically to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school and represent the Bishop's education policy.

This commitment includes the minimum requirement of attending six full governor meetings per year and serving on at least one committee [typically three meetings per year] The committees will focus on areas such as finance, curriculum, pupil progress and site management. You will also be encouraged to attend free training sessions. Any practising Catholic over the age of 18 can become a foundation governor.



St Paul's Catholic Primary School, City Road, Reading have vacancies and we would love you to join our Governing Board and be the voice for our children.

If you would like to chat more about the role, please do drop the Clerk to Governors an email.

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'That they may have life to the full'

What does a School Governor do?

Governors **oversee the management side of a school**. They **ensure strategy, policy, budgeting, and staffing are all organised** in the best way possible to ensure smooth and effective running of the school.

A governing board is made up of a **diverse group of people who bring a wide range of skills and expertise from their own lives**. They then use these skills to benefit the school. They also get involved in the **wider school community**, playing the role of a **critical friend to the headteacher** and other senior leaders.

Reasons to become a School Governor.

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Being a school governor is a **truly rewarding** experience. As a school governor, you **give back and make a difference to the young people** in the school you are a governor for.

You take some of the **responsibility for how funds are spent**, you help to **hold the headteacher to account** and you **support the school with its strategic direction**. It's a big responsibility, but you will know that you are truly having an **impact on the next generation, supporting them in their educational journey**. There aren't many more rewarding causes than that.

You gain a variety of skills. Significant benefits of educational volunteering including, "improved communication and influencing skills; an improved sense of mission and loyalty at work; and greater staff productivity."

Volunteering for governorship helps **build self-confidence, wellbeing, job satisfaction, and motivation**. But on top of that, develop skills in: Teamwork, Negotiation, Problem-solving, Business awareness, Professional skills, Decision making, Influencing, Technical skills.

Being a school governor gives you networking opportunities.

Governing boards should be diverse by design and as a result, present a lot of **opportunities for networking and meeting new people** who have similar values to you. Through meeting fellow governors, you get the opportunity to get fresh ideas, access new information, get career advice, gain new perspectives and potentially advance your career. There will be a wealth of varied knowledge around the table and being at that table too means you can listen and learn from your fellow governors.



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