

## Role of a School Governor in a Maintained Church School

School governors play a vital **strategic** role in the leadership and oversight of the school. Working in partnership with the headteacher and senior leaders, governors are responsible for setting the school's vision and ethos, ensuring that it reflects the school's Christian foundation while being inclusive and welcoming to all.

Governors provide strategic direction rather than operational management. Their core responsibilities include setting and monitoring the school's strategic priorities, holding school leaders to account for educational standards and pupil wellbeing, and overseeing the effective and responsible use of public funds to ensure value for money.

In a maintained church school, governors also have a particular responsibility to safeguard and promote the school's religious character. This includes supporting collective worship, religious education, and the wider spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, in line with the school's trust deed and the teachings of the Church.

Governors also ensure the school meets its statutory obligations, including safeguarding, equality, and health and safety requirements. They act as critical friends to the school leadership, offering both support and constructive challenge, and serve as ambassadors for the school within the local community and parish.

The role of a school governor is voluntary but highly rewarding, offering an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the education, wellbeing, and personal development of children and young people.

