



Make a difference to children's lives in your area by joining our board of governors.

Sandy Lane Primary School in the north of Bracknell has vacancies for two new governors from the surrounding community.

Governors are volunteers who contribute a much-valued range of professional skills and experience to a school's performance and continuous improvement. They do this by setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability and evaluating school performance – all in partnership with the Head Teacher, who they appoint.

A larger than average school, Sandy Lane offers the opportunity for governors to have a positive impact on a large number of children's futures, particularly at this time when the school's innovating and improving under a new and dynamic Head Teacher.

Sandy Lane's governing body comprises the Head Teacher, a Local Authority governor, elected parent governors, elected staff governors and co-opted governors from the community. We also employ a professional Clerk.

Governors don't need to be parents and needn't have specialist knowledge of education policy or practice. Whilst Sandy Lane values a breadth of skills in its governance, **governors with finance skills are particularly welcome to apply, as are those from ethnic minorities.**

We ask that governors attend one-two meetings and one training session per term – which take place in the evenings – as well as an induction day. Occasional and pre-arranged visits to the school during the school day are also encouraged. As is the norm in education, governors will be DBS (criminal record) checked.

In return, governors are able to access free advice and training from Bracknell Forest Council's education team as well as national governance organisations, which includes e-learning for ease of access. A range of skills and topics are covered, all of which are immensely valuable to other sectors and types of work – **making school governance one of the best forms of personal and professional development.** Whilst governors volunteer their time and expertise, out of pocket expenses are covered (such as babysitting to attend evening meetings).

Sandy Lane is a friendly, secure and motivating school with an equally welcoming and energetic governing body: we'd love to have you join us! Please email oliviaswift@gmail.com to find out more.