

# Corporate partner framework.

**Governors for Schools** is a market-leading national education charity that matches skilled and committed volunteers with schools in need of governors and trustees. Governors for Schools works with organisations across England and Wales to help deliver meaningful impact to local communities while developing employees professionally.

## The benefits of school governance

Volunteering as a governor gives employees the chance to experience board-level decision making and develop their leadership skills. Volunteers ideally stay in the role for 4 years, providing challenge and support to the leadership team and gaining financial oversight of large budgets.

## Measure your employees' development in the role

Governors for Schools has created a Skills Development Tracker so that you can measure the tangible benefits employees bring back to work

Our research has shown that governors reported the strongest development in providing accountability and challenge, asking questions, preparing for and attending board meetings and strategic planning. Governors were able to powerfully demonstrate how development in these skills had supported them in the workplace.

**Strategy**



**Set the ethos and discuss the vision for the school**

**Board-level skills**



**Gain board-level & leadership experience at any point in your career**

**Finance**



**Manage large budgets of £1million+**

**HR**



**Gain HR experience by joining a committee reviewing staff development and wellbeing**

## What's expected of school governors?

Full governing board meetings are generally held once a term, usually in the afternoon or evening. Our latest impact report showed that our volunteers spend an average of 7 hours a month on governing duties, and bring £9.9 million worth of value to schools every year.

Governors will need to read the information shared ahead of board meetings to be able to ask the right questions, and to effectively support and challenge the headteacher. Governors should visit the school to gain an understanding of the culture and ethos and to get the most out of the role. They'll also have the opportunity to meet children, parents, and teachers, and see the impact of their work first-hand.

## Why partner with Governors for Schools?

Volunteers will embark on a development journey, making decisions that affect schools for years to come. Help us fill some of the thousands of vacancies on governing boards across England and Wales, and impact millions of children's lives.

# What we offer.

## Bespoke skills based matching

- Governors for Schools will match volunteers with roles that suit their specific skillset
- Employees develop their existing skills and schools benefit from having diverse abilities on the governing board
- Governors for Schools will place your volunteers as a priority so that they can make a difference to education for children and start developing their skills soon after applying

## Governor support

- New volunteers will join our network of governors and receive supporting information with helpful content about their first few months in the role
- Free access to The Key, the online governor knowledge and resource bank, for 12 months
- Bespoke resources from our partner organisations which will support them in the role.

## Skills Development Tracker

- Employees will have exclusive access to our Skills Development Tracker
- The Tracker highlights the key transferable skills that governors can gain in the role, and allows them to easily record and share their development
- The Tracker also allows them to record the hours they spend on governance activities, and provides them with access to dedicated guidance and resources

## Internal communications

- Governors for Schools will provide content for your internal communications about the governor role and upcoming presentations and training opportunities

## Governor training

- Governors for Schools hosts regular webinars on current and relevant topics, often requested by governors
- Volunteers can complete our eLearning modules covering the fundamentals of school governance, to make sure they deliver effective governance from their first day in the role
- Volunteers will have access to short training videos on a variety of useful topics
- Information around our campaigns, including resources and news articles
- Prioritised places on our annual training series

## Dedicated account manager and reporting

- You will have a dedicated account manager who will update you with your organisation's progress
- Your account manager will send you quarterly reports so that you can measure the success of the programme
- Annual impact information regarding the impact your employees are having on local schools

## Regular presentations/workshops

- We will deliver presentations and interactive workshops for current and prospective governors about the role
- Tailored presentations which will include an introduction to school governance

## Build your organisation's external visibility

- Your organisation will have the option to feature in our regular external communications.
- We welcome the opportunity for close collaboration on new initiatives to support our schools and governors such as campaigns, events, joint webinars, speaking engagements and more
- A joint public launch of our partnership, sharing your support of our work with our network
- Connecting you with your community, via our extensive school partners