# Information for schools portal/school newsletters

# Lancashire County Council is looking to recruit people from a diverse range of backgrounds to become a Local Authority School Governor in Lancashire.

# We would appreciate your support in helping us to recruit more governors by including the article below in your school newsletter or on your school website.

# Many thanks

# Lancashire Governor Services

# Lancashire Schools need Governors – Could you rise to that challenge?

Lancashire County Council is looking to recruit people from a diverse range of backgrounds and with a wide range of experience to undertake the key role of a Local Authority School Governor.

School governors have a fundamental role in determining the success of a school. They are volunteers who work together with the head teacher of the school and the local authority to improve outcomes for all pupils and education in local schools.

Governors are appointed for a term of four years, although there may be differences at individual schools. Some of their responsibilities include:

* planning for the school's long-term future
* setting the aims and objectives for the school
* setting the targets for achieving those aims and objectives
* monitoring the overall performance of the school
* allocating and monitoring budgets
* making sure that the school provides for all pupils including those with disabilities and special needs
* being a source of challenge and support for the Head teacher, and
* appointing senior members of staff.

The role would give you the opportunity of using existing skills, and developing new ones and people from as wide a range of backgrounds as possible are invited to apply.

No formal qualifications are required but you must be:

* Aged 18 or over
* Keen to make a positive difference to the education of local children
* Able to get on with other people and work as part of a team
* Willing to attend regular meetings and to read necessary papers
* Ready to learn and be open to new ideas
* Willing to put something into your local community

Full training and support will be given to make sure people are fully equipped to carry out the role successfully.

Becoming a governor is a great way to contribute to your local community and improve the lives of local children.

If you have an interest in education, schools and young people, there is no reason why you can't be a governor at a Lancashire school and make a real difference.

To find out more visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) or please contact the Lancashire Governor Services Central Team on 01257 516150 or email governors.central@lancashire.gov.uk.