



Derby City Council

I think I might need to talk it through with someone first

That's fine, most new governors feel they want to do this. You can have a chat with our Governor Support Team who can answer any questions, or you can contact the school direct.

Ok - how do I find out more?

You can either return the form in this leaflet to the address below or phone the Governor Support Team on 01332 640345 or 640364.

Or, you can email governorenquiries@derby.gov.uk and you will receive a phone call back or an email with more information.

You could also look on our website: www.derby.gov.uk/schoolgovernors

Alternatively you can write to: Governor Support Team, Derby City Council, The Council House, Corporation Street, Derby DE1 2FS

<i>Name</i>
<i>Address</i> _____ _____
<i>Postcode</i>
<i>Phone</i>
<i>Email</i>

Me, A School Governor?

Who?

What?

How?

Why?

Where?

When?



Derby Schools need parents like you to be school governors...

Don't you need qualifications to be a governor?

No - just an interest in your child's education, enthusiasm and commitment.

I don't know anything about running a school!

You don't need to know anything. You'll get lots of support from other governors and there is also training available for new governors.

Do I get paid?

Sorry there is no pay - we need volunteers.

How will it help my child?

You'll have a say in the running of your child's school - and be listened to by the head teacher and other governors. It will also help you understand how schools are run and why things are done in certain ways.

How much time would I need to give?

Meetings are held about six - ten times each year, usually in the evenings. Meetings shouldn't last longer than two hours, at least that's what we advise! You would need to spend some time outside the meeting reading any papers sent to you or visiting the school. You would also need to attend any training you need.

What will I get out of it?

You will get a lot of support as a new governor. It will let you develop new skills which may help you in your own work. For example, you will understand how a school budget is managed and how to manage the school buildings. It will help develop your confidence and may open up new avenues to you.

