





## Help - your school needs You!

Governors on Local Stakeholder Boards represent parent and staff voices, the economic and cultural diversity of the community and listen to pupils. *Without governors, these groups of people have no advocacy.* 

Being a governor means:

- An opportunity to share or develop your professional skills and experience e.g. chairing, team building, accountability.
- Working with people who want to make a difference and networking within your local community.
- Supporting schools to make an impact on the life choices of young people, helping children from all backgrounds to succeed.

Boards usually meet twice each term and have a number of forums which also meet at least termly. Governors must be committed to getting to know the schools they serve, which involves visiting to see what goes on, as well as attending events to meet staff and parents, such as school performances, parent consultation evenings and so on.

All governors are volunteers and the time commitment expected is quite significant. Some employers may give 'reasonable time off' to employees to undertake duties, although this may or may not be with pay. Most governors serve a four-year term of office.

Is this something you could do? Or do you know someone who could? Please talk to your family, friends and colleagues and help us to reach out into your community, in support of your school.

Find out more at www.dartmoormat.org.uk or

For an informal chat about the role of parent governor and the responsibilities of the local stakeholder board, or to obtain an application form, please contact the Clerk to Governors:

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