



School Governor – Voluntary Role

Location: Arco Academy, Artichoke Place, London, SE5 8TS

Role: School Governor (Advisory Board Member)

Commitment: Board Meetings

Closing Date: 16th October 2026

Vacancies: Governor (x3)

Help shape the future of our school

At Arco Academy we know every student is unique. We embrace neurodiversity and wellbeing is our priority. We are looking for enthusiastic and committed volunteers to join our Governing Board. Being a governor is an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the education, wellbeing and future opportunities of children and young people in our school community.

You do not need to be an education professional or have previous experience as a governor. We welcome people from a wide range of backgrounds, skills and experiences who are willing to learn, ask questions and work collaboratively in the best interests of our pupils.

What do School Governors do

Governors work with the Headteacher and school leadership team to provide strategic oversight and support. This includes:

- Helping to set the school's strategic direction and priorities.
- Supporting the school to provide the best possible education for all pupils.
- Monitoring the school's performance and progress.
- Providing challenge and support to school leaders.
- Overseeing aspects of school finances, safeguarding and compliance.
- Contributing to meetings and discussions about the school's development.
- Representing the interests of pupils, parents, staff and the wider school community.

How much time would I need to commit

Full governor meetings are usually held in the evenings due to work commitments, if you work full time, your employer should allow your time off for this as voluntary work, subject to your contract.

You would be expected to attend a minimum of

- 3 Full Governing Body meeting
- Training sessions – which will support your role of Governor

Who are we looking for

We are particularly interested in hearing from people who:

- Care about children's education and wellbeing.
- Are willing to listen, ask constructive questions and consider different perspectives.
- Can work as part of a team.
- Are reliable and able to commit time to the role.
- Bring useful skills, knowledge or experience from their professional, voluntary or community life.

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- Are willing to undertake relevant training and develop their understanding of governance.

We are keen to encourage applications from people who can bring new perspectives, skills and experiences to our Governing Board.

What can we offer you

As a School Governor, you will have the opportunity to:

- Make a positive contribution to your local school and community.
- Help improve outcomes and opportunities for children.
- Develop leadership, strategic and governance skills.
- Gain valuable experience working with senior leaders and other governors.
- Access training and ongoing support.
- Meet and work with people who share a commitment to the school and its pupils.

This is a voluntary, unpaid position. Reasonable expenses associated with carrying out the role may be reimbursed in accordance with the school's policies.

How to apply

If you are interested in finding out more, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact our Human Resources department by emailing hr@arco.academy and a call back will be arranged with our COE, Dr Jeffery Quaye OBE.

To apply, please send a short expression of interest to hr@arco.academy explaining why you would like to become a governor and what skills, experience or perspective you could bring to the Governing Board.

Interviews/Informal conversations: TBA

We welcome applications from all sections of our community and are committed to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion.

Join us and help make a difference to the future of our pupils and our school.

