



Lambeth

School governor
application form

support our schools

“Becoming a school governor gives you a chance to get involved in a small way in ensuring that children receive an education that can properly prepare them for life.”

Alex Wright
Lambeth Governor



If you believe that every child deserves the best possible education then you can help our schools. Every school has a governing body made up of parents, staff and members of the local community. As a governor you will be part of a team that works with the headteacher to develop the school. Governing bodies agree school aims and policies, make plans for the future of the school and ensure that decisions are carried through. High standards of education and the welfare of pupils are central to the work of governing bodies.

You do not need to be an expert in education. Training about the work of the governing body is available locally and governors are provided with information and advice to support them in their work.



Did you know?

- That there are 81 schools with governing bodies in Lambeth – 5 nursery, 60 primary, 11 secondary and 5 special schools.
- That 145 languages are spoken in Lambeth schools.
- That 94% of primary school pupils live in the borough.
- That 75% of secondary school pupils live in the borough.
- That African pupils form the largest ethnic group in Lambeth schools with 24.1% of pupils, followed by Caribbean pupils at 19.6%.
- That 43.4% of pupils speak or understand a language other than English at home.
- That many Lambeth schools have received awards and recognition for their work in arts, sports, music and dance as well as raising achievement in school.

How can I become a school governor?

The Local Authority (LA) appoints governors to all Lambeth schools. An LA governor represents the wider community interest in our schools and provides the school with an objective external community view as well as community support.

If you are interested in becoming an LA governor, all you need to do is:

- Check that you agree with the attributes that the LA believes are desirable in a LA school governor. These are:
 - willingness to serve as a governor.
 - ability and willingness to read governing body papers and time to attend meetings and events at the school in the evening and maybe during the school day.

- commitment to education and support for the LA's priorities for supporting and improving education in Lambeth.
- commitment to promote and support inclusive education for all members of the school community and to improving standards in Lambeth schools.
- willingness to contribute your skills, knowledge and experience to help the school provide the best possible education for pupils.
- commitment to and support for the council's equalities policies and procedures.

- Accept an invitation to discuss your interest in being a LA governor with a panel made up of experienced governors of Lambeth schools. The panel will discuss these attributes with you but it is important to remember that you do not need to be able to display all of them at the time of interview and you do not need to be an expert in education.
- Your interest in supporting Lambeth schools and your own experience and skills are valuable. The panel will want to know if you are willing to attend training to develop the skills and knowledge that will help you as a governor.
- Complete the rest of this form including the names and addresses of two people who are willing to provide references for you.
- Sign the application form and return it to the address shown beneath the signature box.

For further information, please visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/services/education-learning which features on the Education page.



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Section 1 – Personal details

Title	<input type="text"/>
First name	<input type="text"/>
Surname	<input type="text"/>
Any previous surnames	<input type="text"/>
Home address	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/> Postcode
Work address	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/> Postcode
Daytime phone number	<input type="text"/>
Evening phone number	<input type="text"/>
Mobile phone number	<input type="text"/>
E-mail address	<input type="text"/>

Section 2 – School and location preference (if any)

Please indicate the type of schools/location you prefer. You may tick more than one box. We will make every effort to meet your preference.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Nursery	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Primary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voluntary Aided
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secondary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foundation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Special	<input type="checkbox"/>	No preference

Location (*please state*)

